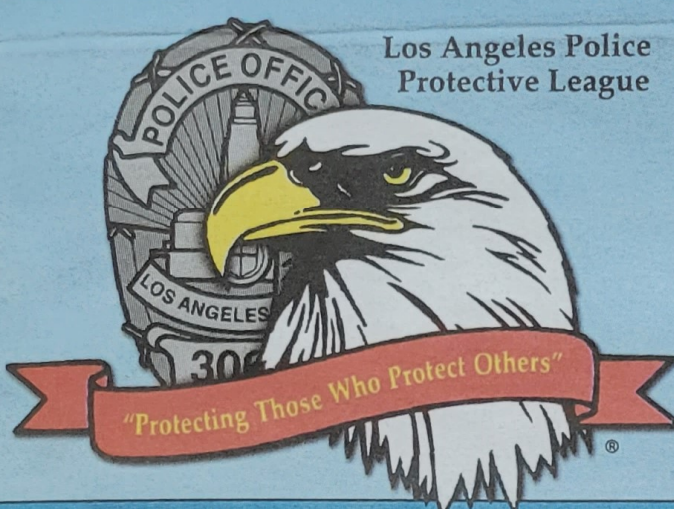


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# Gearing Up for the Next Contract

*by Dave Hepburn*

**W**hen I travel around to various Department facilities, League members frequently ask me questions about what the League is doing to prepare for the next contract negotiations. As a strong advocate for strategic planning, I wanted to make sure that we would go into the next round of negotiations as prepared as possible to deal with the issues important to our members. To that end, the Board of Directors has taken steps to make sure the League is in synch with the membership and prepared to advocate on their behalf.

The MOU Negotiating Committee was formed in the middle of last year and has had several meetings to begin formulating plans and strategies. We have assembled what we believe to be

a diverse, knowledgeable, skilled, and dedicated group of Delegates to represent the interests of League members. They come from all parts of the City, and from a wide range of assignments.

The initial charge of the Committee was to get educated and familiarized with the issues that will be dealt with in the MOU negotiations. In order to do that, the Committee members have been dissecting the current MOU, studying the MOUs from other agencies, attending training, and discussing negotiations issues as a group.

When the familiarization process is completed, the Committee will begin to formulate suggestions for the next MOU, including identifying issues to be included in the MOU which may not have been previously included as

subjects in the MOU. A number of such issues were identified in the MOUs from other agencies and are important issues that should be addressed in the contract.

Once the Committee has identified a list of issues to be considered for the contract negotiations, a survey will be prepared and sent out to all League members, probably toward the end of summer. The input from that survey will be critical to the process of identifying the issues that are important to our members. The Board of Directors does not want to make the mistake of thinking it knows what the members want. The Board will be guided by the results of the survey in setting priorities for the contract negotiations.

Part of the planning process is developing contingency plans if leverage is needed, as is often the case, in order to settle the contract. Two elements that will promote the need for good faith negotiations are on the horizon: the Democratic National Convention, which will take place about the time we should be wrapping up contract negotiations, and the specter of a binding arbitration bill, which will force the City to be reasonable at the bargaining table.

The League intends to be well prepared to face the challenges of negotiating the best contract possible for our members. We're still a year away from serious negotiations, and we will be using that time to the best advantage of our members.

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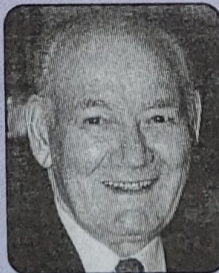


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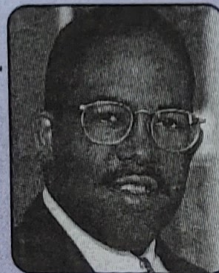


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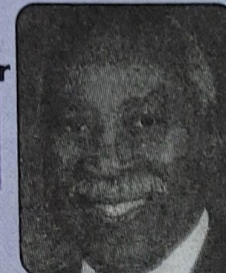


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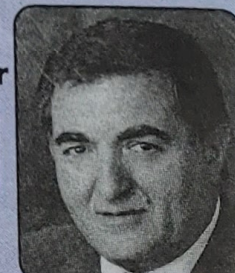


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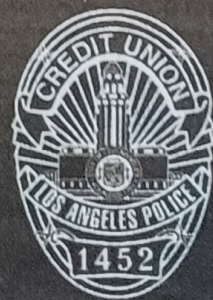
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## PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

GARY MORGAN, VICE PRESIDENT

### What is the League Doing to Prepare for the Year 2000 M.O.U.?

Some of you might be wondering, what is going on with the next M.O.U., and are we addressing and preparing ourselves to address those issues? The answer is definitely, yes.

We have established an M.O.U. Negotiating Team and the team has already met on several occasions. Furthermore, the Delegates Conference, scheduled for the week of August 26-29, 1999, will devote much of its time and effort to the M.O.U. and the survey material scheduled to be mailed to the members. The survey will attempt to give each member the opportunity to express their concerns and place a priority on those issues they feel are important to their future and the future of our organization.

The M.O.U. process will also address the future plans of our Public Relations Program, from both a short and long-term perspective. I firmly believe the M.O.U. 2000 contract may be one of the most difficult to negotiate, yet at the same time, I strongly believe it will be one of our best in resolving, through the process of preparation and strategy.

### The Big Question Everyone Wants to Know is, Should We Support the \$744 Million Dollar Bond Measure?

The Protective League Board has taken an official position on the issue and endorsed the measure. I do believe we need the requested improvements outlined in the proposal and would like to support the measure, if the City officials can deliver the proposal as outlined.

But, this is where the situation becomes very difficult. The taxpayers of Los Angeles will assist us in providing the most modern facilities and equipment needed to provide and maintain the very best of service and protection to our community in the area of public safety. This support has been clearly documented in the polling surveys solicited by those groups who were contacted. This support is based on the communities' trust in us as law enforcement officers and the perception and need for these bond requests.

My opinion is (I would like to point out, this is only my opinion), do we put our reputation on the line for City officials who make all these promises and have failed so miserably in the past? The City has failed to completely provide the improvements as outlined in the last two bond measures. The City has also failed to hold any public official or general manager accountable for these failures. I

strongly feel the Mayor, City Council or entity seeking the bond improvements must deliver on their request or promise, as described in the bond measure, and if they fail to deliver the \$744 million dollars worth of improvements on time and within budget, they should resign or be fired. If the Mayor or City Council is willing to support such a responsibility provision, we must support their position and put our reputation on the line.

### Have You Heard About the New Plan to Use Comment Cards to Document the Goals and Objectives Within Your Division and Do Monthly Follow-Ups or Counseling Sessions to Evaluate Your Performance for Rating Report Evaluations?

There is currently a plan within both West and South Bureaus to address this very issue. The pressure has been put on many Captains (FASTRAC) to better address the problems within their commands and hold them accountable. The concept is not a bad idea, but how do we go about accomplishing these tasks? The answer is not as simple as putting the pressure on the street cop to increase their recap numbers. The plan needs to address what the real problems are within the area or areas, and what the officers are doing to address these issues.

I would like to remind some of those Captains working within the patrol divisions about the concept called "SARA." I think maybe if we relied on identifying and working on problems with a positive solution in mind, the problem might resolve itself. The reliance on numbers alone is not the answer; employees must be judged by what they accomplish or try to accomplish, not by those statistics you see in a recap book. Yes, recap is a con-

sideration and does give you insight as to what an officer is doing in many areas, but it's not a complete picture of what an officer is contributing to this organization or his/her rating evaluation.

Based on the various plans I received, I forwarded a letter to the Department to meet and confer on the issue. I met with Commander Doan and expressed my concerns to develop a system that encouraged both the Command Staff and supervisors to look beyond numbers and develop a system that reflects an overall performance evaluation. These talks are currently ongoing.

I sincerely want to thank those officers who forwarded me this information so action could immediately be taken. Remember, the membership needs to call, or forward any Department or policy modifications to the League immediately. These notifications assist us in dealing with not only divisional concerns, but Department policy changes as well.

### The Revolver Club Audit on the Baker-To-Vegas Relay Race And the Results Concerning Chief Parks Expenditures are as Follows:

During the Baker-to-Vegas Race, Chief Parks expended a total of two thousand four hundred and three dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$2,403.58). The Chief stayed for a period of three days.

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# TRADITION WITH VISION

TED HUNT, SECRETARY

## Phony Police Charities

There are many phony groups that claim to represent charity organizations for the benefit of police officers. Many of those phony groups use telemarketing or mass mailing to play on the sympathies of good citizens who want to help the police. (See: *Training Tips: How to Handle a Telemarketer*)

The Los Angeles Police Protective League does not solicit funds by mail or phone. We belong to a regional affiliate called the Southern California Alliance of Law Enforcement (SCALE), and a state-wide affiliate called the California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations (CCLEA). Neither SCALE nor CCLEA solicit funds.

We are members of the Board of Directors of the California Peace Officer Memorial Foundation (CPOMF), which is the organization chartered by the State of California to maintain the California Peace Officers Memorial (located at 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Capitol Mall in Sacramento) and to conduct the annual Memorial Ceremony. Details about the California and Washington, D.C.,

memorial events were given in last month's *Blue Line*. CPOMF at this time does not solicit funds by mail or phone.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) is the national organization charged to build, maintain and present the annual National Peace Officers Memorial. That memorial is on Judiciary Square in Washington, D.C. ("E" Street between 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> in Washington, D.C., or take the Red Line on the subway and get off at Judiciary Square. You come out of the subway right in the middle of the Memorial.) We belong to the NLEOMF through our national affiliate, the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO). NLEOMF does solicit funds by phone and by mail. The NLEOMF logo is a blue shield/badge with a plain red rose across it. The stem starts at the eight o'clock position to the rose bud at one o'clock position. The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) is a legitimate organization, and NLEOMF is supported by the Los Angeles Police Protective League.

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## TRAINING TIPS: How To Handle A Telemarketer

Source: California Department of Justice. See their website at [www.caag.state.ca.us](http://www.caag.state.ca.us)

- **Don't be fooled by names that sound impressive** or that closely resemble the name of a familiar organization;
- **Don't give cash.** Make checks out to the charitable organization, not to the person asking for the donation. Never give your credit card number.
- **Don't give in to pressure to donate on the spot.** Legitimate organizations will not rush or pressure you into giving money immediately. NOTE: A good indicator of a fraudulent operation is one where they offer to send a messenger to your home to pick up the contribution.

### Questions to Ask of a Telemarketer

Legitimate organizations do not mind answering your questions. Fraudulent organizations or those organizations that skirt the law don't want to answer questions. Here are some concepts you can use to interrogate a telemarketer who calls you at home.

- How will my donation be used?
- How much of my donation will actually reach the charity?
- Will you mail to me a statement of your purpose, goals and finances? NOTE: If they say NO, they are probably not legitimate. The caller may try to use a diversionary tactic by asking you a question that can only be answered in one way. The question is designed to divert you away from your question. That is another signal that they may not be a legitimate charity.

### Follow-up Questions

- Are you being paid to make this call?
- Are you a professional fundraiser?
- Are you a registered fundraiser? NOTE: Being a registered fundraiser does not mean they are "trustworthy;" it just means they have registered with the State of California.

Boiler rooms operate using very sophisticated computer and mass mailing systems. The telemarketer will probably type in the comments you make during the conversation so a future telemarketer will know a little about you, such as when you were last contacted and how much you contributed. If you ask questions and show that you are knowledgeable about telemarketing fraud, you may be taken off their list. Do not tell them that you are a police officer.

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## PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS

TIM SANDS, TREASURER

### Police Commission Issues

In my last month's *Blue Line* article, I included a letter that I wrote to Police Commission President Edith Perez, criticizing her for making disparaging remarks when she was addressing a public forum of South Los Angeles residents in regards to the firing of 54 LAPD officers. According to an *L.A. Times* article, she caused the audience to cheer upon her reporting of the 54 firings. In response to the cheers, she quipped, "Tell the Police Union." Later, when she was asked about the high number of firings, she stated, "I don't know if with 54, he got them all." In my letter, I asked for a public apology.

According to a *Civic Center NewSource* article dated February 15, 1999, Police Commission President Edith Perez rejected a Police Union call for her to apologize for joking about the firing of 54 LAPD officers. According to the article, Perez said the Union mischaracterized her remarks. She continued and stated she doesn't consider disciplinary issues to be humorous. I and this Police Union did not mischaracterize her comments. Her comments were disparaging to the fine officers of this Department. We all make mistakes in our life, even Police Commission

Presidents. I was just hoping that she would show the intestinal fortitude to step up to the plate and admit when she was wrong. Apparently, according to the *Civic Center NewSource* article, I was wrong.

### Guard Card and Firearms Permit Renewals

Some members will be receiving their renewal notices in the mail for guard cards. However, the firearms permits are also up for renewal, and members will not be notified by mail for the firearms permit. To renew the firearms permit, contact the League at (213) 251-4554 and the proper form will be mailed to you, or you can personally pick up the forms at the League office on the fourth floor.

### Sick Note Protocol

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geles Police Protective League recommends the following:

1. Confirm the name of the supervisor directing you to obtain a sick note.
2. Confirm who shall be billed for the doctor's fee.
3. Advise the supervisor that, upon returning to work, the doctor bill will be submitted, along with the doctor's note.
4. If the supervisor refuses steps 1-2-3, then request that a supervisor respond to your residence, transport you for a M/T (medical treatment) at a Department facility, and transport you back home. If steps 1-2-3-4 are refused, and you are given a direct order to bring in a sick note, then comply and grieve later, on the payment.

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GARY FULLERTON

I have been thinking a great deal about the League's relationship, or lack thereof, with our present fearless leader, Burnie Parks. It is clear for all the world to see that there is no relationship because there is no dialogue and no mutual respect. This is not a healthy atmosphere for anyone involved, including our members, the Department, or the public. Because of this, I have been concerned that perhaps we, as the representatives of our officers, have not tried hard enough to make things work. Could we be the problem rather than that pompous, arrogant, stuffed shirt? We have been told on numerous occasions that it seems that the League never got along with any Chief throughout the years. I remember a lot of conflict over a lot of issues in my twenty-five years on the job; first with Ed Davis, then Daryl Gates, then Willie Williams, and now Burnie. Could it be true that Burnie is no better or worse than previous Chiefs?

Well, the answer to this question came to me as I sat at the retirement of George Aliano last week. Aliano was a long-time Director of the League and was President during several contract disputes. George was, and still is, a class act who personified what the League should be. He was articulate, thoughtful, and diplomatic, but could

be tough and pragmatic when needed. He was so universally respected that when he left the League and returned to the Department, he was promoted to the rank of Captain. George is the person I emulated as a Director because I respected him as a person and as a true leader. Well, at the retirement, a video was shown documenting Aliano's career. Also present was our glorious leader, Burnie. As the video played, I watched Burnie. The video showed Aliano, as President of the League, defending Chief Gates and the Department on a number of occasions. It suddenly came to me that there was a world of difference between the tenure of past Chiefs and that of Burnie. Davis and Gates were loyal to the LAPD to the end. But that meant that they were also loyal to their troops. Davis and Gates would defend their men to the end, if they believed that the officer was well-intentioned. Even Williams, an outsider who had a hard time fitting in, showed a human side that made you feel that he cared about people. But, in the case of Burnie, it is painfully clear that he cares about no one but himself and his image. He made it clear, at a past Police Commission meeting, that he believes that morale is not his problem. But, this is the essence of the difference between past Chiefs and the

present one. The past Chiefs cared about their people and knew that morale was their problem because it was the primary factor involved in their success as a Chief.

Unfortunately for us and for Burnie, he is too arrogant and self-centered to accept this. Can he be so dumb as to think that he can force his employees to work hard and support him, while at the same time running them into the ground and disrespecting them? It is only a matter of time until the whole world realizes that he is not the marvelous, beautiful leader he pictures himself to be. The whole world will eventually realize, just like they did with past despots, that there is more to life than making the trains run on time. And without being concerned about the morale of his troops, Burnie's trains will eventually not be running on time. He has benefited from societal issues that are out of his control but have made him look good. Sooner or later the world will know that he lacks the main attribute necessary to lead an organization like the LAPD, namely, **LEADERSHIP**. To be a leader, one needs others to follow. Without followers, a leader is really nothing more than a "Bean Counter." At least Keith Comrie, the City Administrative Officer, has an excuse when he is called a "Bean Counter." After all, that is his job. But what is Burnie's excuse? He is supposed to be a leader of men and women. The advertisement for the next Chief of Police should read, "Bean counters need not apply. Leadership required."

### California Law Enforcement Association

The makers of our long-term disability plan (otherwise known as the Pay Check Protection Plan) have just introduced a new coverage that should be a must for all officers. It is the long-term

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Be careful out there, and remember, Burnie doesn't pay your legal bills, he creates them!

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LENNY MUÑOZ

## Police Memorial Events

Last month's issue of *The Thin Blue Line* had a schedule of Police Memorial Ceremonies on the front page. The information was intended to serve as a reminder to all interested parties that those events are rapidly approaching and plans (i.e., days off, transportation, lodging, etc.) need to be made for those wishing to take part.

The times were omitted because they were too tentative, and other events were excluded for the same reason.

What follows is a more comprehensive list of events with firm dates and times.

## Retirements and the Police Memorial Foundation

In the "FYI" section of this newspaper, you will find an article by Sergeant Daniel Sturdy. For years he has been committed to the Police Memorial Foundation and their main fundraiser, the Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament. He tells of the importance of supporting the Foundation and the need for more chari-

table contributions from everyone, but especially from LAPD officers.

In recent months, some retiring officers have developed a novel way to celebrate their retirement, while at the same time, assisting fellow officers and their



Director Cliff Ruff presents League retirement plaque to LAPD Captain and associate member of the LAPPL, William O. Gartland.

families, by raising money for the Police Memorial Foundation. Basically, they contribute part or all of the proceeds from ticket sales to their retirement dinner, to the Foundation.

Last summer, Sergeant Roy Langheld, the West Traffic Divisional Reporter, told of two of his officers who retired with over 60 years of combined service. Chuck Lovold and Kevin Coppin, with help from their wives, Chrissie and Julie, held an "Aloha" retirement party. Folks paid \$20 each to partake of the festive luau and honor the two old guys. Here's the kicker. Over \$5,500 was raised and turned over to the Police Memorial Foundation. Can you believe that !?!

Knowing a good thing when he saw one, Captain William Gartland incorporated the same idea into his retirement shebang. Guess what? The sometimes grumpy "WOG" with a heart of gold raised \$3,591 for the Police Memorial Foundation. In my

opinion, this is a great way to go, and hopefully, the trend will continue. How many retirements have you attended when leftover funds from the kitty were left at the bar? Besides the Police Memorial Foundation, you may also consider the California Peace Officer's Memorial Foundation or the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund, or the Family Support Group as a recipient.

## Mystery Photo Contest

If you're wondering why no vintage photos have graced this column the last couple of months, the answer is simple: no one has submitted any photos. I would like to continue with what I thought was a popular feature, but I need your help. If you can, please submit photos for consideration, to my attention at 1308 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles, California 90017.

Another Thin Blue Line feature that needs input from the membership is "Beyond the Badge." Any leads regarding officers involved in charitable work or community service can be forwarded to me at the League office. Thank you.

## Baker-To-Vegas

Since 1995, the League and LAPRAAC have combined to provide a hospitality suite at the Baker-To-Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. The intent was to provide a brief respite from the rigors of the race for our mutual membership.

This year LAPRAAC vastly altered its former generous proposal. After a long evaluation, the League decided that due to circumstances beyond our control, a hospitality suite is not an option this year. However, several League Directors will be present at the event to respond to, and provide help, in any emergency situation which might arise. The League Directors attending, along with their pager numbers, will be on the League message line at (213) 368-7277 the week of the race. The race is set for April 10-11, 1999.

**MONDAY, MAY 3, 1999:**  
10:00 a.m. Memorial Service,  
LASD Training Center, Whittier

**THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1999:**  
8:00 p.m. Candlelight  
Vigil, Police Memorial Site,  
Sacramento

**FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1999:**  
9:00 a.m. Private Indoor  
Ceremony with Governor,  
Capitol Building, Sacramento

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Ceremony,  
open to the public, Capitol  
Building, Sacramento

**SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1999:**  
8:00 a.m. 21st Annual Police  
Memorial Relay, Dockweiler  
Beach, Los Angeles

**MONDAY, MAY 10, 1999:**  
10:00 a.m. FBI Memorial Ceremony,  
Federal Building, West Los Angeles

1:30 p.m. Memorial Ceremony at  
Parker Center, Downtown, Los  
Angeles

**THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1999:**  
8:00 p.m. Candlelight Vigil at the  
National Law Enforcement Officers  
Memorial, Washington D.C.

**SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1999**  
12:00 noon 18<sup>th</sup> Annual  
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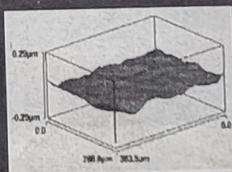
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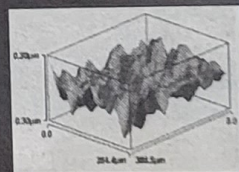
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DENNIS P. ZINE

## Up, Up and Away....

I'm currently on United Airlines Flight #212 at 32,000 feet along with Director Cliff Ruffenroute to Washington, D.C., to attend the annual National League of Cities Conference along with members of our City Council and other important City Hall officials.

## Another Victory for the Membership is Another Defeat for Chief Bernie Parks

The Chief's latest "management prerogative" scheme to gain more control over the dedicated sworn members of the Department, clashed with the League, logic, and common

the retiree's badge to be encased in lucite so it could not be carried in a wallet or worn in public. Why such a change from the current practice?

Were there any documented scandals involving retired members misusing the badge? No! Were there any problems associated with retirement badges being misused? No! So then, why would the Chief, who preaches accountability, tough discipline and demanding and exhausting FASTRAC meetings, want to take away the symbol of authority one must work a minimum of 20 years to obtain? Simply put, POWER. POWER to say no to you.

When faced with this situation, I worked the City Council room and solicited support from our loyal and un-



League Directors present appreciation plaque to Mr. Jay Leno for his generosity in providing airfare for LAPD officers to attend the Officer Brian Brown funeral services in Houston, Texas.

sense during a recent City Council meeting. The Department's command staff representatives were poised and ready with statements, arguments and even visual displays of the ill-conceived, morale-busting recommended changes proposed by the Chief and supported by the members of the Police Commission and the City's Public Safety Committee.

What was this ridiculous "management prerogative" issue which was publicly heard on two separate occasions before the five member Police Commission headed by Edith Perez and the City Council's Public Safety Committee?

The topic was the LAPD badge. The symbol of authority you worked so hard to earn and proudly wear when enforcing the laws and protecting the City's residents, businesses and visitors. You are by now wondering why all the fuss about the LAPD badge.

Well, our dictatorial Chief decided that the current practice of permitting retired members to purchase their duty badge with a "retired" banner needed to be changed. The change called for

understanding Councilmembers. The Council overwhelmingly rejected the Chief's proposal.

I'm pleased to report that all City Councilmembers, except for our usual anti-League vote of Rita Walters, voted against the Chief's proposal to place retirement badges in a lucite encasement. I'm happy that I could represent the League at City Hall and block the Chief from carrying out his latest POWER trip over our dedicated members.

## City Hall Elections

April 13<sup>th</sup> is Primary Election Day in Los Angeles. Please be sure to remind your friends who reside in Los Angeles to vote for our endorsed candidates. The Councilmembers elected during this election cycle will be the same ones voting on your next contract.

I urge each and every one of you to spread the word. It is critically important that we maintain a Council that works with us and assists us in dealing with the tyranny imposed by the Chief.

## Charter Reform Commission

After nearly two years of hard work, thousands of documents and \$4 million dollars, both the Elected and Appointed Charter Reform Commissions have pre-

showed little support for the Chief's disciplinary agenda and, instead, developed safeguards to ensure a clear sense of fairness to the disciplinary process. I will be pleased to explain specific items with any members who are interested. Just call me



Retiring Detective Dennis D'Amour receives congratulations at his retirement luncheon from Director Dennis P. Zine and Delegate Marty Chalupa.

sented a Unified Charter to the City Council. The City Council approved the Unified Charter and sent it on to be placed on the June 1999 General Election Ballot.

We gain many benefits with the new Charter and I strongly recommend that you tell your L.A. voting friends to vote for it.

at the office.

I enjoyed serving as a Commissioner on the Elected Charter Reform Commission and appreciate the support I received from both my colleagues and you, the membership.

The League's presence was visible and very effective.



Council Deputy and LAPD Reserve Officer Eric Rose receives congratulations from Councilmember Laura Chick and Director Dennis P. Zine upon his departure from City Hall and into the private sector of public relations.

The current Charter section dealing with Police Discipline (202) has been moved to Section 1070 of the new Charter. As could be expected, the Chief in his "management prerogative" approach to matters, heavily lobbied both Charter Reform Commissions to grant him additional POWER in imposing discipline on officers. In the end, the Commissions

## Dates to Remember

APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> is Passover for our Jewish members.

APRIL 4<sup>th</sup> is Easter Sunday for our Christian members.

APRIL 13<sup>th</sup> is Primary Election day for Los Angeles City voters.

APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> is good old pay Uncle Sam Day for all our members

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## A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law

### Beware of Specialized Assignments

Historically in the LAPD, assignments to specialized sections were viewed as opportunities for career enhancement. The perks that used to be part of these assignments made up for the dangers, long hours, lack of overtime and isolation from the happenings within the Department. Morale and esprit de corps within these units ran very high. Commanding officers and supervisors provided true leadership and support for the workers. Training and logistical support was outstanding and never lacking. But, as always with police work, good things eventually come to an end.

Officers and detectives contemplating these assignments now should be aware of the negatives and dangers that these assignments may bring, not only to careers, but to physical and financial well-being as well. Special Order No. 1 of 1998, the order that implemented the new disciplinary system, has turned these specialized sections and units into administrative minefields that can cause permanent injuries and disabilities to careers in law enforcement. If you are contemplating applying or accepting an assignment to one of these specialized

sections you should contact any Director at the League and ask for a legal referral for a private confidential consultation with me as the League's General Counsel. My goal during these consultations is to attempt to provide a road map that may safely guide League members through these administrative minefields.

### Superior Court Overturns Boards of Rights Because of Misconduct by Board Members

In *Jesse Sanchez vs. City of Los Angeles*, case no. BS050875, the Los Angeles Superior Court agreed with League panel attorney Patrick J. Thistle that the ex parte communications between the Board Chairman and the Department Advocate amounted to serious misconduct that tainted the entire proceedings. Accordingly, the Court reversed the decision terminating the accused officer and remanded the case back to the Police Department for a new hearing before an entirely new Board of Rights.

The record considered by the Court in this case showed that during the Board's closed deliberations, and unbeknownst to the accused officer and his representatives, the Board Chairman communicated vari-

ously in writing and orally with the Department Advocate concerning matters relating to the guilt or innocence of the accused officer. Among other things, the Board Chairman sent e-mails to the Advocate asking the Advocate to obtain information from witnesses that had not testified during the hearing before the Board.

In *Trevor Asfall vs. City of Los Angeles*, case no. BS050375, the same Court overturned another termination of an LAPD sergeant after an independent review of the record showed that the Board members appeared biased and prejudiced against the accused officer prior to the conclusion of the case. Accordingly, the Court once again remanded the case back to the Police Department for a new hearing in front of a different Board of Rights.

The record considered by the Court in this case was voluminous and it showed that a great deal of evidence was put forth by both sides during the

hearing before the Board. League panel attorney James E. Trott successfully demonstrated to the Court that the accused officer was denied his right to a fair trial when Board members prejudged his guilt prior to the conclusion of the hearing. The comments made by various Board members were scathing and clearly demonstrated bias and animosity towards the accused. This bias and obvious prejudice, coupled with the Board's refusal to accept and allow the testimony of an independent witness was, according to the Court, sufficient to impair the Board's impartiality.

Our sincere congratulations to our attorneys Pat Thistle and Jim Trott, and to our former Defense Rep Lieutenant Randy Quan, for the outstanding jobs done in these two cases, which clearly highlighted the unfairness of the present LAPD disciplinary system.

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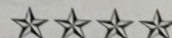


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# WARNING BELL

by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

"Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

—John Donne

## A True Story

The Defense Rep almost made it. He had gone 25 years without a sustained personnel complaint. He didn't even have a comment card entry. There were no negative statements in any of his ratings. Almost a perfect record. Hard to do, too, when you consider that a Defense Representative's business is to challenge management decisions every day and in every way. It takes a certain amount of skill to negotiate *that* obstacle course. Every time an accused officer said "not guilty," the Defense Representative's assigned role was to prove that the previous decision made by the Chief of Police to discipline that officer was wrong. A tough row to hoe without alienating *somebody*. Yet, this Defense Rep had been doing this type of duty since 1982 and, until now, had never had a sustained complaint.

An all too popular (but false) view of some managers is that a Defense Representative gets into that business because he or she is a disgruntled employee using the defense system to get back at management. Not this Defense Rep. He was a dual-status sergeant/detective supervisor. He understood both sides of the table. He understood the Department's need to discipline and he understood his duty under the City Charter to "use every legal means available and exercise the best efforts of which he or she is capable to defend the accused" officer. Because he understood this, and because he was conscientious, talented, and hard working, he was a popular choice as a Representative by accused officers. He averaged ten Boards of Rights pending at a time, with a high point, at one time, of having 17 Boards scheduled. In addition to this, he represented numerous officers at IAD interviews and wrote many Skelly responses on behalf of accused officers.

In 1991, the Officer Representation Section was formed and he was assigned to work out of Parker Center. At first, he even had his own desk. He must have done all right because when the Officer in Charge retired, he was selected as the Acting OIC and handled the position for around nine months. The bad news was that when a new OIC was brought in, his old desk was occupied by another Defense Representative. Rather than pull rank and seniority, he "floated." Wherever he could find a spot, he set up and did his work. His office was the trunk of his car. He rolled with the punches and found ways to get the job done. If he was denied sufficient overtime to prepare for his numerous Boards, he worked on his own time. When he had officers to represent on different watches, he split his work day. He had back-to-back Boards and still always managed to be ready to defend his officer. He had been denied requests for continuances and had had his vacation interrupted by mandatory Board appearances for the last four years in a row. Yet, he hung in there and kept doing the best he could, day after day, month after month, and year after year. And, yes, all without ever having a sustained personnel complaint.

Until now.

## The Full Monty

What happens next is a microcosm of what is wrong with the LAPD disciplinary system. Common sense is buried by institutional fear, clashing egos, misunderstandings and misinformation, hypoc-

risy, power trips, and most pervasive of all, banality.

It all started out with our Defense Rep trying to accommodate the schedule of two IAD investigators. They wanted to interview him about his representation of an officer, and they were in a hurry. Whenever that type of interview is held, the League sends an attorney as well as another Employee Representative to assist the Defense Rep. The confidentiality issues can be complex. This resulted in the need to mesh the schedules of five busy people. The Defense Rep found a common day for all parties involved, but he was scheduled for a doctor's examination on that day for an IOD injury. Rather than postpone the interview, the Defense Rep decided to do the the IAD investigators a favor and submit to the interview prior to going to the doctor. A time was thus set for everyone to meet at Internal Affairs.

Since the doctor was going to inspect the Defense Rep's knee (damaged and subjected to multiple prior surgeries) and the Defense Rep was not scheduled to represent anyone, he decided to go to the interview with exposed knees since the doctor's office would be his next stop. He knew that the doctor would do x-rays, measure the knee, and do several medical tests to monitor its progress. The Defense Rep decided to wear a tee-shirt and shorts so he would not have to undress at the doctor's office and wear that silly hospital gown. He had his suit coat and tie in the car to put back on to finish the day, or in case he was called to some emergency.

The Defense Rep, his Employee Rep, and the attorney all met at IAD at the appointed time. Unfortunately, the two IAD investigators were 30 minutes late because of heavy traffic. Everyone agreed to wait until their arrival to get the interview finished. The IAD investigators arrived, the interview was completed, and all went their respective ways believing that their duties had been performed. The Defense Rep went to the doctor's office and was examined.

Then came the call from the Defense Rep's supervisor. He was going to be issued a personnel complaint for being "improperly dressed." Defense representatives were supposed to wear "business attire." The supervisor had received a call from an Internal Affairs manager notifying him of the shorts. Proper action was going to be taken.

It seems that the Internal Affairs manager had run into our Defense Rep several months before. Although dressed in business attire, the Defense Rep's tie had not been knotted. Now, here he was in shorts and tee-shirt. The pressure must have been tremendous. Gosh, another several months down the line and this Defense Rep might appear at an interview and do the "full monty." This slide into perdition had to be stopped. A phone call was made to the Defense Rep's OIC and the bare knees were reported.

Naively, the Defense Rep thought that when all of the circumstances were known to his supervisors, the complaint would go away. But it didn't. It was formally assigned to be investigated. And investigated it was. Six formal interviews and three informal interviews were conducted. The investigator located several documents including logs and researched Department rules on attire and dress code. These were examined but, unfortunately, none addressed this type of situation exactly. The investigation

lasted almost six months before it was completed.

The investigator logged 40 man hours for the investigation. This would be over \$1,200 of salary just for *his* time. Then throw in the salary of each person interviewed, the salary of each person reviewing the completed complaint, and the number of trees killed for copies for distribution, and the cost had to at least double. Of course, we can make it look better to the taxpayer by dividing it in half because there were *two* knees investigated. A "per knee" figure would look less wasteful.

In the end, the personnel complaint was sustained. The logic goes like this. The Internal Affairs manager *had* to notify the Defense Rep's supervisor to report the dress code violation. The Defense Rep's supervisor *had* to take a personnel complaint because misconduct had been brought to his attention. The Defense Rep's captain *had* to sustain the complaint because there *is* a dress code requirement for Defense Representatives (even if our Defense Rep was not representing anyone since *he* was the person being interviewed and, even though there was information in the investigation that IAD and other Defense Representatives and their supervisors also occasionally wore soft clothes).

Everyone was so concerned with "had" that no one thought about "should." This type of thinking is now normal under the current 1.28 policy.

## Short Pants and High Standards

The hypocrisy? Well, if we have standards *this* high, why wasn't anyone in management concerned about the tardiness of the two IAD investigators? Being late must be at least as bad as having bare knees. Why didn't someone sit *them* down for a tape recorded interview? Why didn't someone check with the CHP to see if traffic really was heavy? In short,

why should a Defense Representative have a different standard applied to him or her than the rest of the Department? By the way, the two IAD investigators involved made no complaint, were grateful that the Defense Rep had accommodated them in their need to interview him, were completely professional, and, undoubtedly regretted being late. Their delay and the Defense Rep's state of dress were non-issues to the parties actually involved in the interview. Likewise, the investigator saddled with this investigation also did his best to maintain professionalism (and a straight face).

The end result of this kind of nonsense is the inevitable destruction of the dedicated and hard-working employee's work ethic. Whether the employee is pushing a black and white or arguing a case in front of a Board of Rights, he or she needs to know that the sacrifice and hard work are appreciated. Being subjected to formal personnel complaints for this kind of activity makes it really difficult to maintain a sense of loyalty to the organization. It is painfully apparent that you are nothing but an insignificant cog in the big blue machine. When that realization sets in, the motivation necessary to keep going when the going gets tough melts into the "smile and wave" syndrome. The gap (maybe chasm is a better word) between the troops and management can only be widened by subjecting employees to personnel complaints of this nature. This is not good for the citizens of Los Angeles and they should be hearing *warning bells*.

All of this frenzied activity in the personnel complaint arena is being passed off to the public as a tough disciplinary program to whip the LAPD into shape. The public needs to see, as did the watching crowd in Hans Christian Andersen's fable, that although the Defense Rep had no long pants, the emperor of discipline has no clothes.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Letters may be limited to 350 words or less. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Dear Editor:

I'm writing this letter to *The Thin Blue Line* in hopes it will be printed so I can thank all of your wonderful officers.

My name is Denise Strogatz and I just underwent a bone marrow transplant at The City of Hope Hospital. I knew going into this treatment that I would need blood and platelet donations. My brother, Officer Burt Strogatz, told me not to worry because all it would take was for him to put out the word that an officer needs help.

Well, that he did, and I could not believe the overwhelming response. You know you hear about law enforcement being one big family and coming to the aid of others when in need, but I only thought you did that for your fellow officers. To think that over 65 officers came to my aid, that I do not even know, just brings tears to my eyes and makes me realize how special and thoughtful you men and women really are. I would like to thank each and every one of you personally and let you know that your generosity overwhelmed me.

I would also like to give a special thank you to all the Rampart and Metropolitan

Division personnel. Thanks for your thoughts, concerns, gifts and prayers. I'm doing well and recovering at home.

Sincerely,  
Denise Strogatz

## Re: Thin Blue Line Awards

Dear Editor:

From the bottom of my heart, Lenny and Helen, "The Thin Blue Line" has never looked better. What a fabulous representation of the collective efforts of so many, orchestrated by two: the Editor and Associate Editor.

Secondly, the awards ceremony was welcome, warm and homey, for a man who has been somewhat estranged for the past seven years, from an organization he truly loved and supported for twenty. To Lenny, thank you for your kindness and your recognition, both of which mean more to me than you know. And to Helen, who also knows, and who has been there for more than twenty, my thanks and affection.

Cordially,  
Michael P. Stone

Captain William Gartland  
C/O, Anti-Terrorist Division

The Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation, and the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department join me in gratefully acknowledging your contribution to the Memorial Foundation.

The significance of the donation of \$3,591.00 from your recent retirement party is surpassed only by the accomplishments throughout your 43-year career with the Department. Your compassion for fellow officers, as evidenced by this level of

support for the Memorial Foundation is gratifying.

Though I did not have the pleasure of knowing you personally, I hold you in the highest professional regard. From comments of those who do know you both professionally and personally, it is clear that the Department has lost one of its best!

Best wishes for a long and healthy retirement.

Very truly yours,

Alan J. Atkins, Executive Director  
Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation

## Morgan

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paid by the City if the conversations involved City business. If not, maybe the Chief should have paid the bill himself.

- The airfare cost totalled \$160 dollars.
- The last expense involved food, beverages, and movies for a total of \$316.94, plus tips of \$15 dollars for a total of \$331.94.

I do not object to the Revolver Club inviting the Chief of Police, as this position is our appointed Department Manager and our chief representative. However, I do object to the fact that the Chief showed little concern or consideration for those who made this appearance or trip possible. The Chief is very capable of paying his own expenses, or at least a portion of the costs, and some may feel he should have paid them.

Yet, the Chief elected to keep his \$213,000 dollars a year salary, and pass these charges onto the Revolver Club (which is actually comprised of the rank-and-file members of the Los Angeles Police Department). In my view, these actions are unacceptable. The circumstances surrounding these "perks" are honestly more like accepting a gratuity, and we all know what the Department's views are concerning gratuities.

The Chief's newspaper (*The Beat*) can say he was cleared of any wrongdoing and if he elects to stand on that position, let his reputation be known by his actions. The truth is the truth and **NO ONE CAN RUN FROM THE FACTS.**

I promised you, the members, an accounting of these facts and I've revealed them as they were known to me. I want to thank the Revolver Club and their Board of Directors for the results as revealed by the audit. This was not a popu-

lar position and many individuals have attempted to avoid these facts but, in the end, the facts were disclosed.

I will now let the members and the Chief draw their own conclusions as to the findings and the appropriateness of these results.

## L.A. Daily News Article March 1, 1999, Reads "LAPD Scammed"

The article made reference to the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation and the payment of \$60,000 dollars to a Mr. Bentley (an alleged personal friend of the Chief and his wife), for promotion of the Police Memorial Golf Tournament. The facts concerning these allegations have not yet been made public, but there appear on the surface to be some problems with how the Police Memorial Foundation Board of Directors authorizes expenditures or contracts.

The article further made allegations or references to the involvement of the Chief and his spouse with other promotional activities provided by Mr. Bentley (i.e., the Major City Chiefs Winter Conference, which was on February 9-11, 1999, in Universal City). Mr. Bentley alleges, "The boss was Mrs. Parks, this was her event." I'm not sure what happened or who is or should be held responsible for these actions or loss of funds. I only know the money belongs to the surviving spouses or family members of deceased officers.

The paper states the Board is comprised of approximately "20 Top Command Officers and civic leaders." The rank-and-file members may need to take a more active role on the Foundation's Board of Directors, if these allegations are, in fact, true. I will monitor this investigation and keep you apprised of the evidence and conclusions drawn during these proceedings.

## Hunt

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## NLEOMF

### Commemorative Calendar

The NLEOMF publishes a Commemorative Calendar each year. The wall calendar features photos of the Memorial, the Memorial Ceremonies, a fallen officer and a "living legend" who is a NLEOMF Officer of the Month. Californian Police Officer Michael Noonan of Alameda P.D. is featured as one of 1999's "living legends."

You can obtain a copy of the calendar and contribute to the NLEOMF by writing to National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, 605 E Street N.W., Washington, D.C., 20004; or call (202)

737-3400; or visit the web site at [lnleomf.com](http://lnleomf.com).

## Spotlight on Leadership

The Chief of the Buena Park Police Department is Richard Tefank. Chief Tefank has remarkable leadership skills which he has consistently demonstrated with the City Council, the people of Buena Park and the police officers of BPPD.

When he was recently installed as the President of the California Police Chiefs Association, the entire Buena Park City Council and the entire Board of Directors of the Buena Park Police Officers Association drove to Fresno to attend his swearing-in ceremony. That is an action that speaks volumes about the prominence and respect he has as a police leader. Congratulations to Chief Richard Tefank of the Buena Park Police Department.

## END OF WATCH



NAME: Kenneth W. Galloway #7100  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: Newton  
BORN: February 8, 1926  
APPT: October 12, 1953  
RETIRED: February 14, 1968  
DIED: December 30, 1998  
★ ★ ★

NAME: Alonzo M. Brown #6643  
RANK: Investigator II  
ASSIGNED TO: Wilshire  
BORN: August 3, 1922  
APPT: June 1, 1950  
RETIRED: January 8, 1972  
DIED: January 16, 1999  
★ ★ ★

NAME: Alvin J. Dollinger #6334  
RANK: Investigator III  
ASSIGNED TO: Frauds  
BORN: December 12, 1927  
APPT: June 16, 1949  
RETIRED: June 30, 1978  
DIED: February 7, 1999  
★ ★ ★

NAME: Robert L. Sherlock #11441  
RANK: Policeman II  
ASSIGNED TO: Tactical Operations Planning Group  
BORN: February 2, 1936  
APPT: February 4, 1963  
RETIRED: April 8, 1980  
DIED: February 13, 1999  
★ ★ ★

NAME: Harry R. Watkins #3648  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: Valley Service  
BORN: September 26, 1921  
APPT: February 4, 1946  
RETIRED: April 10, 1967  
DIED: February 13, 1999  
★ ★ ★

NAME: Gordon A. Dahl #4176  
RANK: Sergeant  
ASSIGNED TO: Venice Detectives  
BORN: January 29, 1919  
APPT: February 18, 1947  
RETIRED: July 15, 1968  
DIED: February 23, 1999  
★ ★ ★

NAME: Charles B. Malin #3111  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: West L.A.  
BORN: September 25, 1913  
APPT: September 7, 1943  
RETIRED: November 20, 1964  
DIED: March 1, 1999  
★ ★ ★

NAME: Richard M. Watters #16547  
RANK: Police Officer II  
ASSIGNED TO: SID  
BORN: September 28, 1942  
APPT: November 30, 1970  
RETIRED: July 6, 1996  
DIED: March 1, 1999  
★ ★ ★

NAME: Joe L. La Monica #4131  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: Hollywood  
BORN: January 27, 1923  
APPT: December 2, 1946  
RETIRED: January 14, 1964  
DIED: March 2, 1999  
★ ★ ★

NAME: Raymond E. Hess #4991  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: West Valley  
BORN: June 6, 1923  
APPT: October 16, 1947  
RETIRED: October 23, 1967  
DIED: March 5, 1999  
★ ★ ★

NAME: John D. Davis #10296  
RANK: Policeman III  
ASSIGNED TO: Personnel  
BORN: December 28, 1932  
APPT: May 4, 1959  
RETIRED: September 24, 1974  
DIED: March 6, 1999  
★ ★ ★



# POLITICAL FRONTLINE



## Charter Reform Issues Affecting Los Angeles Police Officers

The following Charter changes appear to be headed for the ballot in June. They are the result of a joint effort by the Appointed Charter Commission and the Elected Charter Commission. Only one Proposed Charter will be presented to the voters. The likely implementation date for the new Charter, if it passes on the ballot, will be January 1, 2001.

### Pensions

The Fire and Police Pensions Board will be expanded from seven to nine members, adding one position for a retired fire fighter and one position for a retired police officer. This expansion will give employees four of the nine positions on the Board, thereby increasing their influence on all pension-related issues, such as protecting the assets of the pension system, investing funds in the most prudent and profitable manner, and making decisions on disability pensions.

This change had been fought for by UFLAC and the Protective League for several years, and is a significant victory for the members of the pension system.

### Police Department Issues

(This list is not all inclusive, but identifies the most critical issues.)

1. The Department proposed that the Charter should exclude from promotional consideration officers who have been found unsuitable for promotion by a Board of Inquiry. Boards of Inquiry are not due process hearings and provide little to no protection for officers subjected to these inquisitions.

The League opposed this proposal.

**The Department's proposal was DEFEATED.**

2. The Department proposed that the Charter no longer provide that an officer who is subjected to a Board of Rights have the right to a copy of the transcript of the proceedings at no cost. This change would have required that the officer of the League

pay for the transcripts, which could involve several hundred thousands of dollars annually.

The League opposed this proposal.

**The Department's proposal was DEFEATED.**

3. The Department proposed that an officer who is subject to a Board of Rights for conduct deemed by the Chief of Police to be "not within the course and scope of employment" be denied the right to an on-duty defense representative. Allegations of off-duty misconduct result in approximately 40% of all Boards of Rights. This change would leave the officers with the obligation to provide their own representation at their own cost, unless and until the League changed its policy to allow the expenditure of League funds for non-course and scope representation. If the League assumed this responsibility, it would create a significant drain on League resources and no doubt necessitate a dues increase.

The League opposed this proposal.

**The Department's proposal was DEFEATED.**

4. The Department proposed that an officer who hires an attorney to assist in their defense at a Board of Rights would be denied an on-duty defense representative. Attorneys and defense representatives have different roles and have access to a different set of resources. The Department was attempting to put an officer at a disadvantage and punish the officer for hiring outside counsel.

The League opposed this proposal.

**The Department's proposal was DEFEATED.**

5. The Department proposed that the Inspector General report to the Executive Director of the Police Commission. The League viewed this proposal as an attempt to stifle the ability of the Inspector General to look into matters "uncomfortable" to Department brass.

**The Department's proposal was DEFEATED.**

The Inspector General will report directly to the Police Commission.

### League Proposals Adopted in the Joint Charter

1. Present Charter language only permits six months of back pay for an officer relieved of duty and found not guilty or who receives a reduced penalty at a Board of Rights. The Department wanted to retain this provision. The League advocated for extending the amount of reimbursement provided.

**The new Charter will expand the back pay provided from six months to one year.**

2. The League proposed that the Charter contain specific language prohibiting ex parte communication with members of Boards of Rights. The following language was adopted in the Proposed Joint Charter:

*"Ex Parte communication with members of a Board of Rights regarding the subject matter of the hearing while proceedings are pending is prohibited. No person shall attempt to influence the decision of a Board of Rights except during the hearing and on the record."*

3. The League proposed that the Charter prevent the Chief of Police from meddling in the decisions made by members of Boards of Rights by subjecting them to counseling and other negative personnel actions as a result of their decisions regarding a Board of Rights. The following language was adopted in the Proposed Joint Charter:

*"Members of Boards of Rights are to make decisions based solely on the evi-*

*dence before them. No sworn member of a Board of Rights shall be subject to any benefit, retaliation or adverse personnel action based upon their findings or recommendations at a Board of Rights hearing. No civilian member of a Board of Rights shall be coerced or intimidated as a result of findings or recommendations at a Board of Rights hearing."*

4. The Department proposed that an officer relieved of duty pending a Board of Rights no longer be entitled to pay for the first 30 days. The League believed that 30 days was unreasonably short, particularly in light of the lengthy delays often associated with Boards of Rights.

The Proposed Joint Charter maintains the existing 30 days of pay, and provides for an additional 30 days if the Board is not concluded within 60 days. *In other words, officers will be entitled to pay for 60 of the first 90 days when relieved of duty pending a Board of Rights.*

**The Department's attempt to take away all pay when relieved of duty was DEFEATED.**

5. The League proposed that the Charter include some language to give priority to Boards of Rights in which the accused officer is relieved of duty. This provision, along with the provision of an additional 30 days pay, should help reduce the number of occasions on which officers are unfairly deprived of their pay.

The Proposed Joint Charter includes the following language:

*"There shall be calendar priority for Boards of Rights hearings when a member is subject to relief from duty pending a hearing."*

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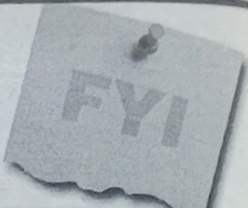
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# FOR YOUR INFORMATION



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## State Wrong to Deny Overtime Benefits to Law Enforcement Officers

by Robert T. Scully,  
Executive Director, NAPO

Attention all state-employed law enforcement officers! Recently, a situation occurred in the state of Maine involving the denial of overtime benefits guaranteed under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) to law enforcement officers. Could this happen in your state too?

The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) recently filed an *amicus curiae* brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in *John H. Alden et al. vs. State of Maine*, on behalf of 64 Maine parole and probation officers who are seeking overtime pay guaranteed to them under FLSA. NAPO got involved in the case, hoping to reverse the judgment of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine which had affirmed the trial court's dismissal of the officers' legitimate claims, and to assure that state employees elsewhere have a remedy to enforce their rights.

Incredibly, the State of Maine violated federal law that protects public workers by denying these officers their overtime pay. And Maine's courts yielded to this violation, by dismissing the officers' claims. However, this dismissal was not based on the merits of their claims, since no trial was ever held. Instead, the trial court dismissed the claims, based on Maine's declaration of sovereign immunity, to keep the state from being sued in state court. This was clearly done in order to keep from having to pay these officers what is owed to them under federal law.

The outcome of this case is critical of all state employees because it will establish whether state governments may disregard the supremacy of federal law under the Constitution. By asserting sovereign immunity, states may attempt to disregard and ignore FLSA requirements concerning overtime pay and minimum wages, as applied to state employees. In fact, New Jersey, Ohio and Wisconsin have followed Maine's lead by barring FLSA lawsuits in their courts.

Let me provide some background: FLSA obligates states to compensate covered employees at premium rates for hours worked in excess of the applicable statutory threshold or, alternatively, allows states to provide compensatory time under certain circumstances, with limitations as to maximum number of hours. Law enforcement employees are entitled to overtime pay under the special provisions that apply to such employees.

Maine's action seriously violates the Supremacy Clause. The Maine Superior Court's dismissal of employees' FLSA claims stands as an obstacle to the accomplishment and execution of the full purposes and objectives of the Congress, specifically, in this case, the enactment of the FLSA protections and remedies and their extension to public workers, as upheld in 1985 by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Garcia v. San Antonio Metropolitan Transit Authority*. Therefore, the Maine court's action is preempted by the Supremacy Clause, because it thwarts or conflicts with the FLSA and its enforcement.

Maine's claim of sovereign immunity for the purpose of not paying what is owed to its employees under FLSA therefore violates the Constitution and nullifies the only remedy available to these workers, because the state court is the only realistic forum now available for affected employees to vindicate that right. (Several years ago, the Supreme Court shut the door to FLSA lawsuits against state governments in federal courts, under the *Seminole Tribe of Florida* case.)

By affirming the decision of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, the Supreme Court would be sending a signal to other states that they are free to refuse to hear private enforcement actions against state governments under the FLSA and are therefore able to nullify Congress's extension of the FLSA coverage to all public employees. Allowing some states to effectively bar FLSA lawsuits by their employees, in order to escape the FLSA wage and overtime provisions, while other states allow such lawsuits, could have far-reaching and undesirable consequences. It would create disparate enforcement among the states, with individuals in those states invoking sovereign immunity facing an insurmountable obstacle in vindicating their federal statutory rights. Significantly, other federal laws protecting employees which are applicable to the states could be negatively impacted if the Supreme Court does not reverse the Maine court's decision. It is inconceivable that the uniformity of federal law and its application as the supreme law of the land could long survive if the lower court's decision is allowed to stand.

Maine state employees have a constitutional, congressionally-enacted right, under the FLSA, to bring a cause of action against the state of Maine in state court, and Maine's refusal to entertain those actions must be invalidated as unconstitutional!

## Just Another Golf Tournament?

by Dan Sturdy  
Newton Patrol

It is that time of year again when your sergeant or lieutenant asks you to buy golf tournament tickets. They want you to buy a book and sell a book for \$20 each. You say to yourself, "I don't like golf, I don't care about celebrities, and I don't support the Chief?" Well, I'm going to tell you something you may have never heard before. The Police Celebrity-Golf Tournament IS NOT ABOUT GOLF, MEETING CELEBRITIES, OR SUPPORTING THE CHIEF. The Foundation has seen six Chiefs; it is about fund-raising. The Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation is a tax-exempt non-profit organization administered by Los Angeles Police Officers for Los Angeles Police Department employees, sworn and civilian. This organization is unique in that it is actually not part of the Police Department, but everyone knows that, right? Everyone likes a good war story so let me tell you one.

You and your spouse are going out for the evening on one of the rare nights you could get a babysitter and your schedules fit. You are driving in your own car listening to the radio or just catching up on the events of the past few days. You are stopped for a light when all of the sudden you are rear-ended by another vehicle. The driver of the other vehicle jumps out and flees the scene. You want to go after him but you can't because you are trapped in your car and have sustained serious injuries. Both you and your spouse are transported to a trauma center. Your prognosis is good for a full recovery. However, you will not be able to return to your job as a Police Officer until you have completed lengthy physical therapy. You start to think, "How much sick time do I have?" You realize not enough to cover your extended leave from work. Your spouse is also unable to work. Now you have gone from a two-income family to a no income family (on state rate disability), but you still have to make the mortgage payment, car payment, utilities, and what about the kids? Who is going to take care of them while both of you recover? The CITY—fat chance, you were off duty.

Knowing the caliber of people we work with, you will get some support from your co-workers and maybe your friends and family. But who is going to pay your bills? Enter the Memorial Foundation. The Foundation can GRANT you money so you won't lose your house, your car and provide for the care of your children. This is money you do not have to repay.

The Foundation provides money for a variety of reasons to Department members (sworn and civilian), and their families who have been injured, contracted serious diseases, and have died while active members of the Department. It doesn't matter whether you were on duty or off duty. The Foundation may also provide college scholarships to the surviving children of an

active Department employee who dies, on or off duty. Will the City do that for you? No way.

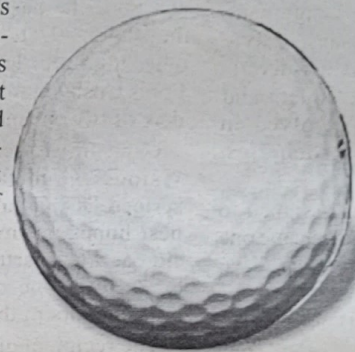
The Memorial Foundation is the only organization that will ALWAYS be there in your hour of need. You say cool, that is nice to know, I feel better knowing there is someone who will

always be there for me and my family. But will the Foundation always be there? I hope so. If the Foundation is not there, who will take its place? The City?

The Memorial Foundation can only survive with contributions from Department employees, and once a year a fund-raising Golf Tournament. During the past five years the Golf Tournament has raised approximately \$1 million. During the same five-year period, the Foundation has granted over \$2 million. Doing the math you can see the Foundation might not always be there.

Over the past year we have had three officers murdered in the line of duty. These officers left four children with the youngest not even a year old. I hope and pray that in 18 years when the youngest child of Officer Cuesta is ready to go to college there is still a Memorial Foundation to pay for those college expenses, because her father was murdered and will not be there to take care of them himself. The only way WE can guarantee that is to support the foundation, by payroll deductions or raising money with a Golf Tournament.

So I ask you, "Is this just another Golf Tournament?"



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## LAPD's Richard "Buck" Henry Named Law Enforcement's Officer of the Month

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) has announced the selection of Det. Richard "Buck" Henry as its Officer of the Month for February, 1999.

"For the past 27 years, Det. Henry has dedicated his life to fighting crime on the streets of Los Angeles, California," said NLEOMF chairman Craig W. Floyd. "During that time he has earned a reputation as one of the top homicide investigators in the country. He is the kind of law enforcement professional that any community would be proud to have."

For the past 13 years he has tackled the toughest homicide cases in Los Angeles, including eight cop killings and 15 other cases involving the attempted murder of a police officer. A street-smart cop who specializes in solving the unsolvable, he is assigned to the Robbery-Homicide Division.

As a young Marine, fresh from the jungles of Vietnam and inspired by family friends who were Los Angeles police officers, Det. Henry followed in their footsteps at the age of 21. For nine years he served in various patrol divisions within the city. His success on the streets led to a five-year assignment with the Major Crime Violators Division, where he specialized in surveillance and apprehension of violent and heavily-armed suspects involved in residential and business robberies, rapes and murders.

In 1986, Det. Henry was assigned to Homicide Investigations and became one of the Division's elite investigators. "I've worked with a lot of detectives on a lot of high profile cases," says his current partner and 17-year friend, Det. Michael Berchem. "Buck is probably the most determined officer I know. He's the last

cop you want after you if you've done something wrong. He just never stops until the case is solved."

It was Det. Henry's tenacious investigation of the murder of Secret Service Special Agent Julie Cross that resulted not only in the conviction of her murderers but also culminated in convictions in a separate triple-murder case. Special Agent Cross was killed in the line of duty in 1980. The case would remain unsolved for the next six years. Then, in 1986, Det. Henry went to work on the investigation and spent the next 10 years, mostly on his own time, solving the murder. The high profile case was difficult and extremely complex. Ironically, when convictions were handed down in 1996, it turned out that Det. Henry had gone to school with one of the cop killers.

At the conclusion of this case, several large Hollywood movie production companies offered Det. Henry hundreds of thousands of dollars for the story rights. Det. Henry declined the offers, saying, "We shouldn't be making money off other people's pain and anguish."

With a phenomenal 99.9% conviction rate—he has lost one case out of thousands—Det. Henry has handled other high profile cases, including the Ennis Cosby murder and the 1994 murders of two Japanese students.

Capt. Jim Tatreau, the Homicide Division's Commanding Officer, described Det. Henry as "one of the very best homicide investigators in a division of the department's best investigators. He is one of the best homicide investigators in the country."

The recipient of more than 70 formal commendations and awards, Det. Henry has received the United States

Secret Service Director's Honor Award and was selected California Homicide Investigator of the Year.

The Washington, D.C.-based NLEOMF is a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of America's law enforcement officers. They were authorized by Congress to build the National Law En-

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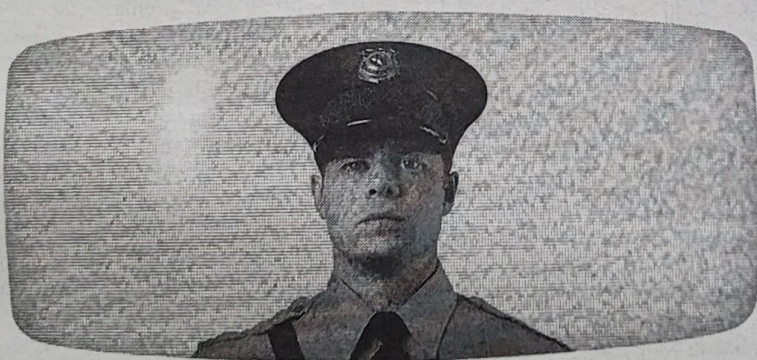
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### Homes for Peace Officers and Fire Fighters Program

At the direction of the Mayor and the City Council, the Los Angeles Housing Department—in partnership with Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and participating lenders—is offering several incentives and special financing assistance to help peace officers and fire fighters buy a home in the City of Los Angeles.

#### How to Get Started

**1** Review the attached brochures from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and familiarize yourself with the loan products described. (Copies of the brochures may be picked up from the League receptionist at 1308 W. 8th St., Suite 400.)

**2** If your combined family income exceeds \$68,160\*, contact any of the lenders listed on either the Fannie Mae or the Freddie Mac brochure to get preapproved for a loan.\*\*

If your combined family income is less than \$68,160\*, contact one of the Fannie Mae lenders to get preapproved for a loan.\*\*

**The participating lenders will help you determine the best loan product for your individual needs.**

**3** Once you have been preapproved by a participating lender, contact a real estate professional to help you find a home in the City of Los Angeles.

**4** After you find the home and your purchase offer is accepted, your lender will then proceed to process your first and, if applicable, second mortgage loan.

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**For more information, call Maria Espinoza, Program Coordinator, at (213) 367-9059 or contact a participating lender.**

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Assigned Lenders	Countrywide Home Loans North American Mortgage Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp. American City Mortgage	Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp.	Family Savings Broadway Federal Bank

*Special thanks to the California Housing Finance Agency and the Housing Loan Insurance Fund for their support in the development of these mortgage products.*

In addition to the home ownership programs described in this brochure, the Los Angeles Housing Department has other resources to help police officers and fire

fighters purchase a home in the City of Los Angeles. Call (213) 847-7564 for more information.

#### Freddie Mac Offers Zero-down-payment Mortgage to Los Angeles Police and Fire Fighters

Freddie Mac announced the availability of a unique no-down payment mortgage for eligible Los Angeles police and firefighters. This mortgage loan, along with other offerings, complements programs already launched by Mayor Richard Riordan that are aimed at increasing the home ownership rate of sworn public safety officers within the city limits of Los Angeles. The Freddie Mac products announced today do not require any city subsidies.

According to Mayor Riordan and the members of the Los Angeles City Council, along with the Police and Fire Commissions, increasing the number of sworn public safety employees who own and live in a home in the City of Los Angeles is a top priority. There are many good reasons for this: improved response times in the case of emergencies, greater understanding of the community they serve, and improved neighborhood security.

Last year, Mayor Riordan asked Freddie Mac to propose a new response to this need that would allow the City to offer a permanent program to police officers and fire fighters that would be independent of the continued availability of City subsidies.

Craig Nickerson, Freddie Mac's Vice President for Community Development Lending, stated: "We took Mayor Riordan's challenge and considered the issues that typically confront homeowners—the need for a down payment; past credit history; and the cash-to-close requirement. Additionally, we called on the California Housing Loan Insurance Fund to join us in this initiative by offering low cost mortgage insurance and down payment and closing assistance."

Freddie Mac will offer three different loan products to police officers and firefighters. The first is *Affordable Gold 100*. This product provides 100% financing of the purchase price of the home. The second is a special collaboration with the Consumer Credit Counseling Services Debt Management program which allows home buyers with serious credit

problems to obtain mortgage financing in as little as 18 months—a much shorter time frame than is normally required. Finally, Freddie Mac's *Community Gold* mortgage is available for officers with reestablished credit after past credit difficulties, including bankruptcies, or for those who want to purchase two, three or four unit properties. In every instance, officers will be able to obtain a deferred repayment loan equal to three percent of the purchase price of the home.

"Put simply, we are providing a range of incentives that we believe will significantly increase the number of police officers and firefighters who own and live in a home in Los Angeles," stated Nickerson.

Freddie Mac is also pleased to announce that Countrywide Home Loans, Chase Mortgage Corporation, Family Savings, North American Mortgage, Broadway Savings, and American City Mortgage will originate the home mortgages for this initiative.

Freddie Mac is a stockholder-owned corporation chartered by Congress in 1970 to create a continuous flow of funds to mortgage lenders. By supplying lenders with the money to make mortgages and packaging the mortgages into marketable securities, Freddie Mac sustains a stable mortgage credit system and reduces the mortgage rates paid by home buyers. Over the years, Freddie Mac has opened doors for one in six home buyers in America.

#### Fannie Mae Offers New Down Payment Assistance for Peace Officers and Fire Fighters

Three hundred Los Angeles City law enforcement officers and firefighters can more easily buy a home in the Los Angeles City neighborhoods they patrol thanks to an expanded Employer Assisted Housing (EAH) initiative between Fannie Mae and the City of Los Angeles. Los Angeles Mayor Richard J. Riordan, Chief of Police Bernard Parks and Fire Chief William Bamattre were joined today by representatives from the Los Angeles City Housing Department and Fannie Mae (FNM/NYSE), the nation's largest source of financing for home mortgages, to announce this new initiative during a news conference at LAPD Police Headquarters at Parker Center. Mayor Riordan, Police Chief Parks, and Fire Chief Bamattre also congratulated DeJuan Talley, a Los Angeles firefighter who purchased his first home under Phase I of the program.

"The expansion of our public/private partnership with Fannie Mae will give Los Angeles police and firefighters an opportunity to live in the neighborhoods they serve," said Mayor Riordan. "This program is an important tool in our efforts to revitalize communities and help our firefighters and police officers become an even greater part of the areas they serve."

The EAH initiative is Phase II of Los Angeles' Homes for Peace Officers and Firefighters Program, a pilot housing assistance program launched last year by the City of Los Angeles and Fannie Mae. The City's Housing Department worked closely with Fannie Mae to build on the initial plan and added a \$3 million Down Payment Assistance Investment Note (DPAIN) that Fannie Mae purchased from the

City. The City will use the proceeds of the note to lend City peace officers and firefighters up to \$12,000 each in home buyer assistance funds to purchase a home in the City of Los Angeles at a 5.75 percent interest rate. Funds can be used to pay for all down payment and closing costs.

"Community stability is a priority to the Los Angeles Police Department and its officers, and that means living, as well as serving, in those communities," Police Chief Parks said. "This initiative enables the officers who protect us daily to be vital residents of the community, to better know its residents and to rebuild neighborhood pride."

"With this new down payment assistance program, firefighters will have the choice to call the City of Angels their home as well as their City of employment," Fire Chief Bamattre said.

This housing assistance initiative is one of several Fannie Mae has developed as part of "House Los Angeles," a seven-year investment strategy announced in 1995 to provide \$10.3 billion in affordable housing financing for more than 100,000 low, moderate, and middle-income families in Los Angeles.

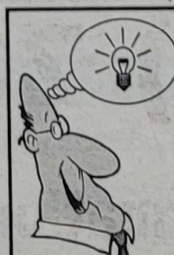
"One of the biggest obstacles to home ownership is having the available cash necessary for the down payment and closing costs, especially in a high-priced housing market such as Los Angeles," said Barbara Zeidman, director of Fannie Mae's Los Angeles Partnership Office. "This new phase of the Homes for Peace Officers and Fire Fighters Program will help 300 more safety officers overcome this major financial barrier to purchasing a home in the city they serve and protect. Fannie Mae is committed to increasing home ownership for Angelenos, and we look forward to continuing this valuable partnership with the City to fulfill that commitment."

Phase I of the Homes for Peace Officers and Firefighters Program helped 61 safety officers meet the costs associated with purchasing a home in the City of Los Angeles. Funds from Phase II of the program, which will continue to be administered by the Los Angeles Housing Department, are available to City peace officers and firefighters earning up to \$68,160 annually, or 120 percent of the area median income. American City Mortgage is the participating lender for Phase II of the down payment assistance program.

"The Housing Department is committed to increasing home ownership in the City of Los Angeles by sworn public safety employees and have worked with Fannie Mae and other participating lenders and partners to develop innovative housing programs like this," said Garry W. Pinney, General Manager, Los Angeles City Housing Department.

For more information on the Homes for Peace Officers and Firefighters Program, please contact the Los Angeles Housing Department at (213) 847-7584 or Fannie Mae at 1-800-7-FANNIE.

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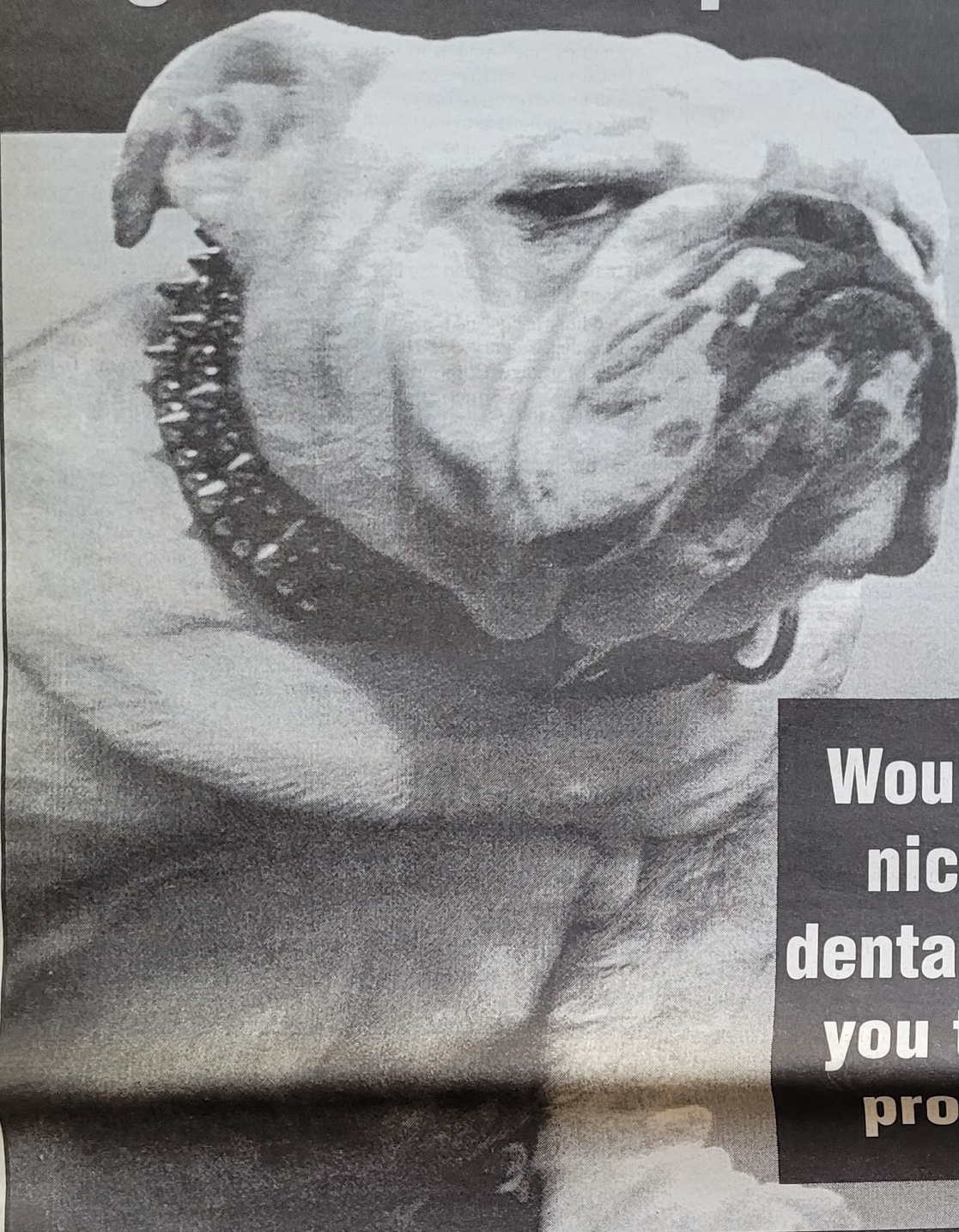
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### LAPD Reserve Officers and the League

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For an annual membership fee of \$60, an LAPD Reserve Associate Member can receive legal representation in situations that happen while on duty, during the course and scope of their responsibilities. This is very important, especially when you consider League attorneys roll out on officer-involved shootings.

The League's life and dental insurance plans are also open to Reserv-

ists once they enroll as League members. Another benefit is, receiving the League's monthly newspaper, The Thin Blue Line. This allows Reserves to stay abreast of issues important to the League, the Department and the City. The Thin Blue Line also keeps the reader aware of the various activities in the many divisions throughout the City. Reserve Associate Members may also participate in various League-sponsored events, such as the annual League Picnic at Raging Waters theme park.

The involvement of LAPD Reserves is important to League members. Consider League membership now but, if you have any questions, contact Lenny Munoz at the League office.

### Fire and Police Motocross Nationals

by Rich Swisher

The "Fire & Police Motocross Nationals," or "F.P.M.N." is an annual series of four motocross races pitting firefighters and police officers from all over the nation against each other in the world's fastest growing extreme motor sport. The first two rounds will be held on Monday April 12th and Tuesday, April 13th at Glen Helen Raceway in San Bernardino, CA. This year is the tenth anniversary for the event, and the promoters have been advertising in the leading national weekly motorcycle-focused publication, "Cycle News." All proceeds from the race go to the families of fallen police officers and firefighters. The first and second rounds each year are held in April on consecutive days. The third and fourth rounds are held later in the year and are also held on consecutive days. At the end of the fourth round, champions from each class are crowned and the top 99 racers are assigned numbers for the following year. In addition to the racing series, there are benefit races, raffles and items for sale to benefit racers of this event that have either died or suffered catastrophic injuries. During these first two rounds of this season these activities and products are going to the family of DAN ALLEMAN, a Corona Firefighter who died in an airplane crash this past year, and ROD KILPATRICK (brother of LAPD OFFICER MIKE KILPATRICK) who suffered a severe brain stem injury while racing round three of the 1998 F.P.M.N.

Spectators are an important part of the fundraising for this worthy cause, and are only asked to donate \$5.00 at the gate. Glen Helen is one of the finest motocross tracks in the world and features great grandstand seating near the pit area with

a spectacular view of the entire high flyin' track. There will be a full service grill open all day, and still open after hours for a bring-your-own-meat BBQ. After the Monday April 12th race there will be a live band performing. There are 25 different classes to race in. These classes divide riders by age, level of ability, type of machine, and size of machine. There are classes that fit all riders including a class set for those who have never before entered a race. Racers can enter as many classes as they want. The first class you enter is \$35.00 and each additional class is \$20.00. By entering the event early, the fees are five dollars less per class. The racers contend for a championship in each class. The benefit of entering multiple classes is that the points racers earn in their additional classes are added to their points from their main class, and therefore better their chances for championship. This rule is an incentive for racers to enter more classes and subsequently donate more money to this worthy charity. Each race consists of two motos. Your final placing in the race is determined by combining your results in the two motos and comparing your average to that of the other racers in your class. Each moto is very tiring and fatigue brings mistakes that can jeopardize the safety of the racers. To race two classes is tough, and the most classes I've ever heard of anyone entering is four and he won a championship.

We need as many officers from our department to enter this race. Anyone interested in attending or racing this or future races can contact Officer Rich Swisher, Southwest Patrol at (213) 485-2582, or Officer Meredith Swisher at Southeast Detectives (213) 485-6902.

### Coin is Worth a Million Dollars to National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund

A check for \$1 million was presented to the Board of Directors of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, as partial payment for the more than 140,000 National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial commemorative coins issued by the U.S. Mint. Approximately \$1.4 million has been raised from the sale of the coins for the long-term

vide a timeless reminder of the extraordinary service and sacrifice given each day by our nation's law enforcement officers."

In accordance with the legislation, the U.S. Mint ceased all production and sales of the coin on December 15, 1998. Floyd credited the NLEOMF's board organizations and their members for the success of this



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NLEOMF Commemorative Coin Check Presentation Ceremony - 12/7/98.

maintenance, repair and security of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, which is maintained by the National Park Service.

The program, which ran for one year beginning in December, 1997, was authorized by a federal law (P.L. 104-329) enacted in 1996. According to the legislation, \$10 from the sale of each coin was earmarked for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Maintenance Fund, which is administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior. This commemorative coin program was the first ever to "recognize the sacrifice of law enforcement officers and their families in preserving public safety." According to the Memorial Fund's chairman, Craig W. Floyd, "These coins will pro-

gram and paid special recognition to the United States Mint Police for their total commitment and dedication to this important cause. The following groups comprise the NLEOMF board of directors: Concerns of Police Survivors, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police, Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary, International Association of Chiefs of Police, International Brotherhood of Police Officers, International Union of Police Associations/AFL-CIO, National Association of Police Organizations, National Black Police Association, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, National Sheriffs' Association, National Troopers Coalition, Police Executive Research Forum, Police Foundation, United Federation of Police.

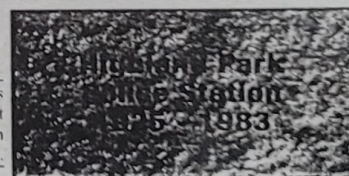


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# Wambaugh: The Man, The Writer, The Cop

by Marce Parrish-Hanson

Joseph Wambaugh's name is synonymous with police work and has been since 1971 when his first book, *The New Centurions*, soared to the top of the best seller list. His uncanny knack for breathing life into the officers who patrol the pages of his books has resulted in 14 additional blockbusters and a readership that spans the globe. Ask any cop why they read Wambaugh's books and the answer is simple. He tells it like it is. The good, the bad, the ridiculous. You'll never find a copy without faults in any Wambaugh creation—and for good reason—he knows cops are human.

Transplanted from Pennsylvania onto California soil when he was 14 years old, Wambaugh never harbored any boyhood dreams of fame. School textbooks did not thrill him, but he was an avid reader of Jack London. After graduating in 1954, Wambaugh joined the Marines and became a "Remington Raider." His mechanical aptitude was nonexistent and Wambaugh admits, "I didn't know which end of the bolt went where, so instead of working on airplanes in Jacksonville, they sent me back to El Toro, where the Sergeant Major asked me if I knew anything about typing. I had taken one course in high school because it was a screw-off course, but I really didn't know how to type fast. He made me a 0141 clerk and that was the best thing that ever happened to me in the Marines. I learned how to type fast, not accurately, but fast."

In 1955 he married Dee Allsup, his high school sweetheart and following his stint in the service, he worked a short time in the steel mills. Once he discovered he possessed a talent for literature, he made time to earn an Associate in Arts from Chaffey College (Alta Loma, CA) and a B.A. in English from California State College (now California State University). A Masters in English came eight years later from California State.

The teaching world almost lured him into its ranks but faint memories of his dad's badge (he was Chief of Police in East Pittsburgh, PA) and the chance of higher pay steered him in the direction of the Los Angeles Police Department. In 1960, Wambaugh strapped on a gun and pinned on an LAPD badge.

He admits to falling victim to the "John Wayne" complex for a short time but overcame it to rise to the rank of Detective Sergeant. His most vivid police memories include the Watts riot, working to clear a fellow officer of corruption charges and having to adjust to his co-workers' behavior after he became a best-selling author.

"Nobody was treating me the same at work anymore. They started treating me with deference, which was tougher than if they were jealous and bitchy," Wambaugh says.

Adjusting to the limelight and elevated level of awe, radiating from his co-workers proved difficult for him, but juggling the demands of two careers proved even more of a challenge.

"Prior to leaving, sometimes I'd work homicide relief and it seemed that someone got killed every night I was on call. I was working my regular day shift and I was still trying to do publicity for my books. Then I'd get called out on a homicide at midnight and still have to be back to work the next morning. I was beat, worn out," says Wambaugh.

His 1973 decision to turn in his 14-year-old badge for a typewriter did not come easy. One would expect him to suffer the customary pangs common with leaving the camaraderie behind, but few would have suspected he was being menaced by a much stronger emotion.

"I thought if I left police work, then suddenly no one would be interested in my books again. I had a couple of best-sellers under my belt but I was still insecure," Wambaugh admits. The insecurity lingered after he left the Department and he says, "I tried to figure out who I was. Am I a writer or am I not a writer?"

Despite the continuing accolades for his work, Wambaugh still doubted his staying ability in the marketplace. He left the LAPD in 1973 and in 1975 he presented the public with "The Choirboys," the first book he attempted without the security of a badge in the background. His fans enthusiastically embraced his offering and it wasn't until then that Wambaugh finally felt like a success.

"I had written it while I was a civilian and it was a huge hit, both critically and commercially. It was then I felt pretty sure I could do it," he says.

Wambaugh continued to write but branched out and became involved with the "Blue Knight" series and served as a consultant for NBC's weekly series "Police Story" from 1973 to 1977. Unfortunately, much of that time was spent battling with network executives in his quest to ensure realism. He quickly learned Hollywood had little interest in accuracy, especially when it came time to film "The Choirboys."

Wambaugh's original agreement with the production company stated he was to be consulted if any changes were made in his script, but director Robert Aldrich must have missed that clause.

"Aldrich had someone totally do another script. It still had my name on it, but it bore no resemblance to my script," Wambaugh says, still obviously annoyed. "He went ahead and shot it and I started a lawsuit. They wanted to use my name, but I wanted it taken off. Their rotten movie came out to rotten reviews, which it deserved."

And what exactly rubbed him the wrong way?

"I couldn't even begin to tell you," he says, "It was insulting to everyone, not just the police, but to everyone in it. From

the first frame to the end, it was disgusting—nothing like my story. *The Choirboys* (the book) was really a tragedy. By the end of the story, everyone was destroyed. In the film, it had a ridiculous upbeat ending for all. It was just disgusting."

He admits to being an Anglophile and because of his interest in England, he says it was no accident that he wrote *The Blooding*. Despite his fascination with the English, however, he feels the research he did for the book was the most difficult he's ever done.

"The English are close-mouthed people, so I expected that when I went over there. I had been to England many times and I knew they were tight-lipped, but I didn't know they were that tight-lipped," Wambaugh says. He also endured several sleepless nights shivering in some of England's quaint inns and braved a drenching rainstorm (sacrificing his umbrella to the wind gods in the process) to track down a gentleman he needed to interview.

Wambaugh eventually received enough cooperation to complete *The Blooding*, his book on the wonders of DNA testing, but English police reviewers felt he revealed too much inside information. An internal investigation was launched to make sure he had not been privy to restricted material.

With 14 best-sellers under his belt and seldom at a loss at coming up with creative ideas, the overall process of readying a book for publication always threatens to wreak havoc with his life. Wambaugh has decided the time might be right for him to retire from the world of writing—a possibility that will no doubt send a cold shiver down the spines of Wambaugh fans worldwide

and elicit the words, "Say it ain't so, Joe ... say it ain't so."

## What Wambaugh Really Thinks About Cops

Wambaugh acknowledges law enforcement is still one of the most difficult professions around, and he doesn't expect it to change. Frustration is part of the job, and he refers to a line from Gilbert and Sullivan's musical, "The Pirates of Penzance," which states, "Each policeman's lot is not a happy one." Wambaugh feels that was true 100 years ago and it's still true today.

He believes cops are involved in a job where they continually meet the worst of people—something that makes policemen prematurely cynical. Wambaugh also feels that the cop mentality has remained the same over the years and he says, "Long before I was a cop and long before your granddaddy or mine came along, I think cops were basically the same—saying things like 'Nobody understands me except the other pyramid guards.' That doesn't change. It's the same in Europe and everywhere else I've talked to police officers."

"You have to settle for inner satisfaction and not expect a lot of external gratitude. There will be a lot of nights when you're out there doing your job very well, but a lot of people will hate you for doing it so well."

(Editor's note: At the September, 1999 Delegate's Meeting, Mr. Wambaugh was inducted into the Los Angeles Police Protective League as an Honorary Member. This honor was bestowed on him as a way for the League to show its appreciation for his 14 years on the LAPD and his support of law enforcement and the League.)

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Perspective From Training Division

by Michael B. Parlor

Belated Happy New Year! Fifteen years ago an LAPD old-timer (sic) told my recruit class how his time on the Department just seemed to fly by. His secret? It was quite simple: "Put 110% effort into everything that you do for the Department and most importantly, *make your job fun!*" Personally, I would have to agree. These past years with the Department have truly flown by for me and perhaps my Marine Corps background has helped me make it fun even during the not-so-fun assignments. However, by no means did I do it alone. The Los Angeles Police Department is comprised of some of the most dedicated, intelligent, and professional people who I could have ever imagined working with! When I hear fellow officers complain, I begin to think how grateful that I am for having been given the opportunity to meet and train with police officers from throughout the United States as well as outside of the United States. When I hear the horror stories of the working environment, lack of proper training, lack of proper equipment, or outright ridiculous (as well as unsafe) shooting policies of some of the other agencies, I realize how good life really is here.

I know of no other agency which takes training more seriously. I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal respect for all of the men and women who have been assigned to Training Division during the past ten years who truly made the impossible happen by contributing 110% effort and also making the job fun. Training Division is always put under the community's microscope when there is a controversial incident involving police personnel. Perhaps no tougher scrutiny was endured than during the post Rodney King incident. However, even before Rodney King, Training Division personnel were facing tough times. Imagine teaching recruit classes with recruits literally sitting on the floor at instructors' feet due to lack of classroom space. Imagine being assigned as a primary instructor for as many as three classes at the same time while also conducting classes for supervisors' courses, veteran officers' classes, reserve officers' classes, and various military/federal law enforcement agencies. While patrol divisions assumed normal duties, Training Division was still on maximum deployment 30 days after the Simi Valley verdicts.

The Department had long outgrown the Elysian Park facility. Consequently, Training Division personnel found themselves driving personal vehicles to teach classes at Elysian Park as well as at the Westchester training site, Long Beach Naval Base, Warner Ranch, Saugus, Orange County Sheriff's Department Academy, and other remote training sites throughout the southland. Today, the Department has a state-of-the-art training facility located in Granada Hills. I have personally visited training facilities throughout the United States and in my opinion the Granada Hills site is rivaled only by the FBI training site in Quantico, Virginia. Although some of the Training Division personnel now find themselves driving personal vehicles from Elysian Park, Granada Hills, and Westchester, all within the same day, the future is looking much better.

Officers in the field are quite surprised to find Training Division personnel conducting classes on weekends and many holidays. As in the civilian world, unfortunately, the role of a teacher is not always held in high esteem. In fact, once officers discover the true work schedule of many of the division's assignments, they withdraw their applications for available teaching positions. In spite of the aforementioned difficulties, the Los Angeles Police Department has still produced the best-trained police officers of any agency and I should know. I am corresponding telephonically/by mail with agencies from everywhere imaginable. These agencies all want to know how LAPD trains. Don't believe the hype! Travel away from the Los Angeles area and one will quickly find how well-respected the Los Angeles Police Department really is. Much of what has been approved by P.O.S.T. as mandated training was written by members of Training Division.

Having been assigned to Training Division for the past nine years, 1998 proved to be a tough year for me! I buried four of my former recruits. As with Training Division, another vital but often forgotten group of Department personnel are the men and women who proudly serve with the Chaplain Corps and the Color Guard details. I would like to personally thank each and every one of them for their dedication and professionalism! It is because of personnel like you that I am truly proud to be a member of the Los Angeles Police Department family!

## BOOK REVIEW: SKID ROW BEAT - A Street Cop's Walk on the Wild Side

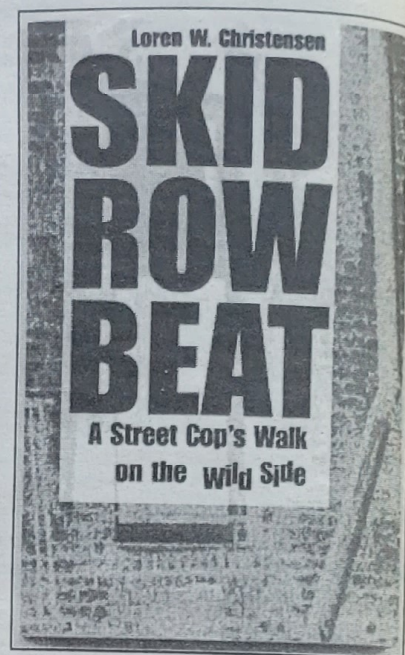
by Loren Christensen  
Paladin Press

Reviewed by Lenny Muñoz



Anyone in law enforcement should be hooked by the tantalizing title of this collection of funny, raunchy, and bawdy anecdotes. All of us who have strapped on a Sam Brown or pinned a badge to our uniformed chests and worked the mean streets of any metropolitan area that harbors a skid row or bowery (and which large city doesn't?), can bond with the author as he relates some of his experiences on "The Row" during his 29-year career with the Police Department in Portland, Oregon.

Whether it's walking the skid row beat, stepping over and around winos sleeping it off, driving over its slimy, gritty streets and alleys, or checking its stinking, tawdry bars and filthy flophouses, the author catches the essence of the human condition as it sinks to its lowest depths. The horror, humor, and heartache that swirls around a subculture that most people do



not know or understand is perfectly caught by Officer Loren Christensen.

Police officers will chuckle and sometimes guffaw as they read stories very similar to their own experiences. The non-police reader will cringe and think the stories couldn't possibly be true; no way. Well, I'm here to say, yes way! This chronicle of basic everyday blue-suiter police work is a must read.

A personal caution is that the earthy accounts in this compilation are very graphic and should be limited to adults. This is not the type of literature that should be left on your living room coffee table for any unsuspecting straight-laced individual or, worse yet, a child, to pick up and peruse. This factor prevents a four-badge rating, but nevertheless, I believe the average reader will enjoy *Skid Row Beat*.

### RATING LEGEND

- Don't Bother
- Average
- Very Good
- Outstanding, Must Read

## LAPD Family Support Group Now Offers Scholarships!

In August 1997, Sgt. Bob Norleman, LASO, organized a benefit "Downed Officer Motorcycle Ride" to memorialize officers killed in the line of duty. The proceeds of that ride were donated to the LAPD Family Support Group; a group comprised of the widows and widowers of LAPD officers who lost their lives while active members of the Department.

Thanks to the generosity of Sgt. Norleman, the Family Support Group is pleased to offer the **Bob Norleman Scholarship** to the surviving children of police officers who died while in active service. The cause of death is irrelevant. This scholarship is open to the children of officers from both the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department.

A total of seven scholarships are being offered ranging from \$250-\$1,500.

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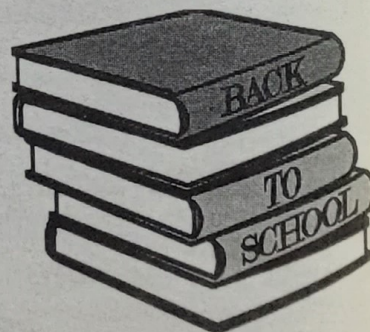
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# NAPO Files Brief in Case Involving Unfounded Accusations Against a Police Officer

## Protecting Law Enforcement Officers' Rights: *Richard Womack v. Susanne Greene*

Washington, D.C.—On February 4, 1999, the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), submitted an *amicus curiae* (or friend-of-the-court) legal brief with the California Court of Appeal in support of a Los Angeles police officer in the case of *Richard Womack v. Susanne Greene*, No. 116-412 (Division 2). In California, NAPO represents the Los Angeles Police Protective League (to which the plaintiff belongs), approximately 660 police officer associations through their membership in the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC)—a member of NAPO, as well as six other law enforcement officer associations, altogether for a total of approximately 45,400 individual active and retired officers, in addition to over 4,000 police unions and associations elsewhere in the Nation.

This brief was filed in support of Det. Richard Womack, to uphold the Los Angeles Superior Court's jury verdict and decision that defendant and defense counsel Susanne Greene's false accusations in a courthouse hallway, accusing Det. Womack of "sexually molesting" and "doing drugs" with Cassandra Olsen, a witness in the drug trial of Gary Dale Steward, were defamatory and harmed the plaintiff's reputation and career and not protected by California's litigation privilege.

Robert T. Scully, NAPO's executive director, said, "As a result of unfounded accusations of criminal conduct, officers who once enjoyed the respect, confidence and esteem of the community and the police department, are subjected to public contempt and ridicule and suffer humiliation, shame, embarrassment and mental pain. It is crucial that the courts provide a forum so that wrongfully-accused police officers can clear their names and obtain damages for injury to their reputation and careers."

Scully continued, "In this case, a Los Angeles narcotics detective was seriously harmed by these accusations. His career went into a tailspin, since he both had to defend against the charges and could not investigate narcotics cases, for fear of having defense counsel attack him, resulting in damage to the prosecution of other cases. His health also suffered. Consequently, the city of Los Angeles effectively lost the experience and expertise of a police officer who can no longer conduct major investigations, at a cost to criminal enforcement and to the budget of the city. Harm done to this officer fully justifies both general and punitive damages that the jury rightly imposed in this case."

### Statement of Facts

Richard Womack is a police detective with the Los Angeles Police Department. On January 31, 1995, he was present in the Criminal Courts Building, to testify as a witness in a pretrial hearing in connection with a motion to suppress in the case of *People v. Gary Dale Steward*, resulting from Womack's arrest of Gary Dale Steward for the sale of methamphetamine. Present with Womack were Deputy District Attorney Mary Ganahl, Cassandra Olsen, Det. Windham, and Det. Willis. Defendant Susanne Greene acted as Steward's attorney.

Just before the noon recess in the hearing, a conversation occurred between attorney Greene and the California Superior Court judge, in which Greene indicated that Cassandra Olsen, a witness for the prosecution, might exculpate Steward if defense counsel were afforded an opportunity to interview her. The judge suggested that he would not or could not order Ms. Olsen back into the courtroom, but if Greene was able to contact her and persuade her to return, Olsen could be put back on the stand.

Defendant Greene attempted to contact Ms. Olsen and found her in the hallway, leaving with the prosecutor and Womack. Womack was standing near the elevators in the public hallway on the thirteenth floor. The area around the elevators was packed with people because of the noon hour, including numerous persons wearing juror identification tags. Det. Womack, Deputy District Attorney Ganahl, Det. Windham, and Det. Willis were escorting Ms. Olsen to the District Attorney's office on the eighteenth floor, where she was to be placed into the witness protection program. Greene engaged Ganahl in conversation in an attempt to obtain Ganahl's consent to speak to Olsen. Defense attorney Greene's effort was unsuccessful, and Olsen stepped into the courthouse elevator along with the prosecutor and Womack. As Olsen stepped into the elevator, Greene, in apparent frustration over not being permitted to speak to Ms. Olsen, shouted in the general direction of the elevator, "You, Womack, sexually molested her and did drugs with her." This statement had no connection to the conversation that the prosecutor had just completed with Greene.

Greene hurled the accusations at Womack loudly enough for everyone in the area of the elevators to hear. Greene's statements were heard not only by Womack's supervisors and the two detectives accompanying him, but also by numerous members of the general public (estimated, during the trial in this case to have been between 10 to 50 persons). Many of those present stared at Womack upon hearing Greene's accusation.

These two accusations were false, and Greene knew that they were false, because only several weeks before Ms. Olsen told Greene that there was no truth to the statement that Womack had molested or used drugs with Olsen. Greene had never even mentioned this claim in court, on or off the record. The deputy district attorney had never heard of such an accusation from Greene or from anyone else.

Womack's supervisors, like all LAPD officers, are under a nondiscretionary duty to initiate a "personnel complaint" investigation upon becoming aware of allegations of misconduct from any source. Accordingly, after Greene accused Womack of sexual molestation and participation in drug use, an LAPD investigation was initiated.

As a result of these accusations, Det. Womack was publicly embarrassed, and his position within the Los Angeles Police Department was compromised by the internal affairs investigation that followed. It took well over a year for Womack to be completely vindicated of the charge. And, even with total vindication, the permanent record of the personnel complaint has permanently impaired Womack's effectiveness in his career and his health.

There is some question as to whether Womack will ever be able to fully overcome the reference to this investigation in his personnel record. This impairs his effectiveness as a witness in court proceedings, and creates a drawback to any criminal prosecutions in which he would need to serve as a law enforcement witness. As a result and with great frustration, Womack confines himself to doing essentially clerical work, although he is technically assigned as a narcotics detective. In addition, as a result of Defendant Greene's false accusations, Womack suffered a protracted period of emotional distress, consisting of among other things, anguish, shame, shock, bitterness, anger and worry.

Womack sued Greene for defamation. On July 1, 1997, after a nearly two-week trial in the Los Angeles County Superior

Court, the jury returned an eleven-to-one verdict in favor of Womack and awarded him \$300,000 in damages, including \$50,000 in punitive damages, against attorney Greene. The judge rejected the Defendant's effort to overturn that verdict, but did reduce the compensatory damages by \$100,000. Susanne Greene has appealed that verdict.

### Summary of the Argument in NAPO's Amicus Brief

*Amicus curiae* National Association of Police Organizations urged the California Court of Appeal to uphold the Superior Court of California's jury verdict and court decision, rejecting Defendant Greene's attempt to invoke the litigation privilege to bar Womack's defamation suit, all for the following reasons:

**First**, law enforcement officers must be able to recover damages for defamatory statements which seriously injure their reputations for honesty and integrity and, thus, harm their ability to effectively perform their duties as officers, with serious ramifications for effective law enforcement.

**Second**, the public policy behind California's litigation privilege, namely ensuring that attorneys have the freedom to secure justice for their clients, is not served by denying Womack judicial relief for Greene's slanderous statements made in a public hallway. The privilege is not and should never be a license for extra-judicial defamation.

**Third**, Defendant Greene's defamatory statement is not privileged because it (1) occurred outside of the courtroom and, thus, outside the supervisory power and control of the presiding judge; (2) was not uttered in connection with, nor was an integral part of, the

Steward case; (3) was irrelevant and immaterial to the subject matter of the case, Gary Dale Steward's guilt or innocence on drug charges; and (4) was an unnecessary communication to numerous persons wholly unconnected with the Steward case.

**Fourth**, even if the litigation privilege were to apply in the present case, which we believe it does not, Greene's false accusations fall with California's Civil Code Section 47.5's exception to the litigation privilege and, thus, are not protected. (Section 47.5 states: "[Notwithstanding the litigation privilege], a peace officer may bring an action for defamation against an individual who has filed a complaint with that officer's employing agency alleging misconduct or criminal conduct, . . . if that complaint is false, the complaint was made with knowledge that it was false and that it was made with spite, hatred, or ill will . . .")

The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) is a coalition of police unions and associations from across the United States that serves in Washington, D.C. to advance the interests of America's law enforcement officers through legislative and legal advocacy, political action and education. Founded in 1978, NAPO now represents more than 4,000 police unions and associations, over 220,000 sworn law enforcement officers, 3,000 retired officers and more than 100,000 citizens who share a common dedication to fair and effective crime control and law enforcement.

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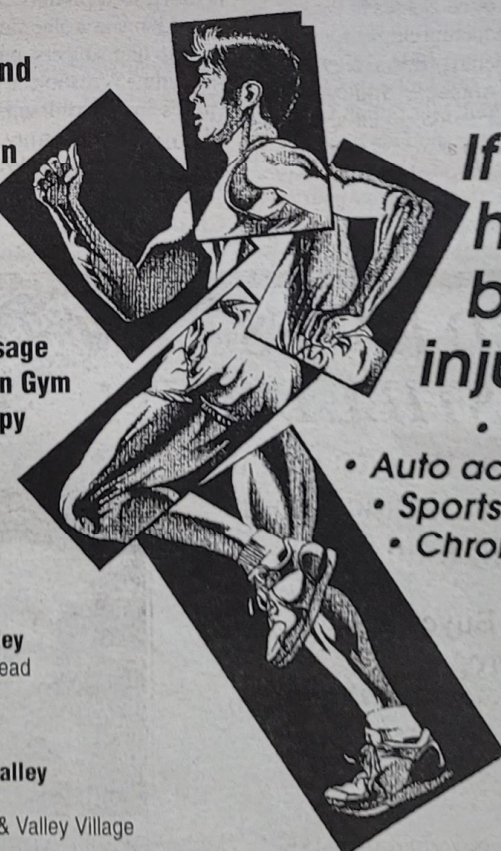
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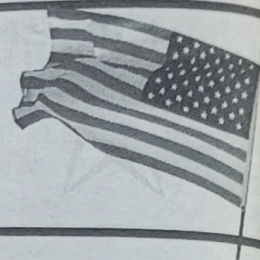
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# VETERAN'S CORNER



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## American Legion News

Commander Gail Tam, 381

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday,  
6:30pm - Panorama City  
Post #817  
13553 Reedley Avenue  
Panorama City, CA 91402  
(818) 781-2261

Adjutant Frank Ortiz  
160 N. Glendora Avenue  
Covina, CA 91724  
Hm: (626) 331-4271



### Legion Calendar, Upcoming Events

Our next Post meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20. We will accept nominations for post officers and delegates to the department convention in San Diego. Join us and plan to enjoy good fellowship.

### Fly Our Flag

Fly the flag every day to show your support for the Flag Amendment. If you cannot, then display our flag on April 4th, Easter Sunday.

### Post Meeting

The Los Angeles Police Post was happy to sponsor Arleen Gonzales for a trip to the Valley Forge Freedom Foundation in P.A. She is a teacher from the Math Science Technological Magnet at Sylmar High School. She was chosen to participate in this program because of her efforts as a teacher to teach patriotism in her classroom.

Arleen is one of 6 children raised in the Gonzales household. This included a cousin who joined the Gonzales family when his mother died. Her father, Gilbert Gonzales, worked for the Department of Sanitation for 37-1/2 years before retiring. He is an American of Mexican ancestry and managed to send all six of his children to major universities. He in-

stilled in each of them a love for America and education.

Mr. Frank Lumbert and his wife Gloria, from the 20th District, escorted Arleen to our February meeting. Arleen's presentation about her trip to the Valley Forge Freedom Foundation was very impressive. She was awed by this tour and moved to tears as she commented on the Valley Forge experience. She believed that it shows the teachers of our youth, our nations' history and the principles that our nation has fought for. She assured us that what she learned there would be taken to her classroom and taught to her students.

If her classroom presentations reflect just half of the emotion she showed us, her students will receive an understanding that others will not get. It's clear that she has a deep love for our country, what it represents, and the sacrifices that have been made for it. Thank you Arleen for your efforts to teach our youth AMERICANISM. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Gonzales for your positive example and for your family.

The Valley Forge Foundation takes teachers and other citizens from California and shows them the early history of our country. They are given presentations and visit historical sites along the East Coast, where our country was formed. They toured our national monuments, parks, the Capitol and the early American battlegrounds that have defined us.

### Welcome Recruit Class #2-99

On February 16, Marty Chalupa and Mark Gerin recruited seven out of ten new cadets. They served as follows: 4 (USN), 9 (USMC), 3 (USA), and 1 (USAF). We welcome you all. When you get the opportunity, come to our monthly meeting. We look forward to greeting each of you in person.

Our new members are Gerry Chamberlain (USMC), Osvaldo Castello (USA), Jesse Aragon (USA), Jason Clauss (USMC), Charles DeRosier (USMC), Jeffers Coyle (USAF), Henry

Garza (USMC), Charles Jones (USMC), Michael Lorenz (USMC), Sean Laule (USN), Samuel McNeal (USN), Ramon Ortega, Jr. (USA), Gregory McNamee (USMC), Joseph Robinson (USMC), Greg Thieschafer (USN), Allen Schubert (USN), Thomas Case (USMC).

### Boys State

Boys State will be held in June again this year. We are looking for boys who would like to spend an all expense paid week in Sacramento learning about our government and the political process. Some of the participants will actually be elected to fill the positions in state government for a day.

To be eligible the young man must be in the 11th grade, be an outstanding student with outstanding citizenship, and have a relative or member of Police Post who is willing to sponsor him. The applicant will also need his school's principal or vice principal to verify his qualifications.

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### New Improved Veterans' Benefits

Under the Veterans Programs Enhancement Act of 1998, veterans have received a 1.3% increase in compensation payments starting on Dec. 1. The bill bolsters efforts by all of the related governmental agencies that study and treat Gulf war veterans' illnesses to do so in a scientifically sound and effective manner. Outreach efforts are enhanced, and the public's access to federally sponsored research is broadened.

The bill expands veterans' options for on-the-job training programs and for meeting requirements of the Montgomery G. I. Bill benefits. It also reinforces and expands veterans' rights under the Uniformed Services Employment Act to return to a civilian job after military service.

Pensions paid to Medal of Honor recipients will be increased from \$400 to \$600 a month. Veterans with terminal illnesses will now be allowed to receive part of their life insurance benefits as living benefits to help

meet medical and living expenses during their time of special need.

One provision of the bill restructures and streamlines VA housing loan operations. Another provides new VA scholarships for professionals recruited for certain hard-to-fill health care positions. Last, this bill also expands a variety of benefits affecting memorial affairs, housing, construction and facilities matters.

For more specific information on these changes, please call the Department of Veterans Affairs, benefits information and assistance, veterans' center-veterans' counseling and Guidance at (818) 892-9227.

### Dividends Earned From GI Insurance

Congress has passed a bill that entitles veterans to a dividend on their GI insurance. This new law entitles both current and former military personnel to this dividend. The dividend will be paid whether or not the veteran still carries the military insurance. As usual, you will not receive the dividend unless you ask for it. The Veterans Administration will review each individual claim and determine eligibility. A general schedule of dividends earned is as follows: 2 years of service = \$261; 3 years of service = \$391; and 4 years of service = \$528. To apply, cut out the below form and mail it as indicated.

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## 18 SOUTHEAST

by Al Labrada  
Southeast Division

### For Information Only

A happy Easter to all on Sunday, April 4th. For those of you that have to work, we will instead wish you "happy hunting." The month of March went almost without a flitch, except for the sudden unfortunate death of Senior Lead Officer **George Chavez's** mother. Unfortunately, I got very little information about it, because George was on military leave when this tragedy occurred. George was able to make it back for the funeral and then head back to play Army Master Sergeant. Our sympathy for you and your family for the loss of your mother and also for being in the Army.

Recently, a cleanup day was organized by Lt. **McCarthy** and SPSR **Linda Perkins**. This was due to complications in the orderly chain of command. Everyone did a good job, but I chose not to show any pictures. Some officers felt that this would result in certain expectations from their domestic partners. Just two suggestions: (1) Don't drink from the Southeast punch bowl; (2) SPSR Perkins get rid of the white glove inspection.

### From the Bird

We would like to welcome into our deployment two new officers, **Dominic Michael Malachi**, born on February 18, 1999 at 7 pounds, 2 ounces. The exhausted parents, **Sean (CRASH)** and **Ruby (Training)** are doing well. However, I think the new baby has mom's hair.

Officer **Gerry Davila** is also a proud new father of a future San Miguel Substation officer. Little David Davila, born 2/10/99, at 8 pounds, 11 ounces, is doing well. Congrats to Mrs. Davila, who did all the work, and Officer Davila, who took all the credit. I am recommending to the Southeast Station Fund Committee that we buy both families a gift, like a TV or something.

### Detective Action

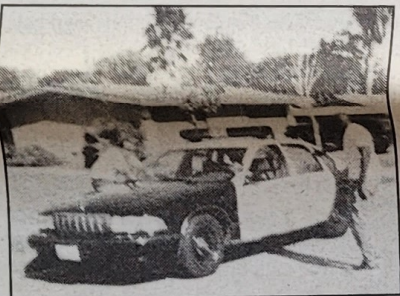
You really have to watch out for them detectives. Not only will they run over you as they charge up the stairs to attend FASTRAC, but boy, do they joke around. On a warm March day, unknown officers

(hint, look at the left side of the picture) put a foreign object (a flag) into a very sacred holy of all holes. Yes, Det. **Long's** Beretta Barrel. Apparently, Det. Long walked around with this item protruding from the hole for a long period of time. Not to mention the notes that were posted on his back all day. I have no clue how you guys keep your recap down. Lt. **Rubert** is probably wondering what he got himself into.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our D-IIIs who have been doing an outstanding job in presenting and implementing the use of the FAS-TRAC. **Ray Alduenda (CAPS)**, **Candy Delgado (MAC/Sex)**, **Oscar Lamarque (JUV)**, **Larry Molinar (Autos)**, **Comie Scales (Burglary)** and **Charlie Stubbs (Robbery)**. Good job to them and their officers.

### On the Move

I would like to bid a divisional farewell only to Officer **Koskelin (Sweet)**. Jenn leaves Southeast for the rails. I'll see you later. Farewell to then officer, now Detective **James Blocker** who is off to Pacific. **Felicia Crockett** will be missed walking around in those UC vice outfits (aye Mommy). She is off to being a Detective-I at Van Nuys. Sgt. **David Loera** will be approving bookings at none other than Jail Division. Det.-I **Smith**



Ofcr. Neal (aka METRO) giving some realistic shooting scenarios to some surprised officers.

**Thompson** will be over at BAD. **Al Neal** will be staying fit in Metro, and **Jose Larraga** will now be assigned to DSD.

P-II **Phil Evans** deserves a separate paragraph. Apparently Phil made the fatal mistake thinking he could wiggle out of Southeast in an undetected manner. Wrong answer Phil. I read the transfer. What's this about Uniform Support Division? I will buy your ear plugs as your going away gift. Just for the record, Chia does apply. Good luck, and watch your hearing, dude. It was great making fun of you and working with you. Finally, but not less important is Officer **Umansky** who is off to West L.A. Congratulations and be safe.

I would like to point out a recent promotion of a good friend. P-II **Fernie Lopez** of South Bureau CRASH. I had an opportunity to meet Fernie and his lovely wife at a wedding about four years ago. Since then we always remained friends. I was glad to see that he finally gave in and promoted to P-III and will remain at SB CRASH. Congratulations, Fernie, and see you around.

Another well-deserved promotion is that of **Sean Mulford**, also of South Bureau CRASH. Sean is now over at Metro. For those of you who were not here about four years ago, Sean and **Dan Talbot** attempted a traffic stop of a Grape Street gangmember outside of Jordan Downs housing development. Without warning, the suspect opened fire on Sean and Dan. Sean was hit in the upper shoulder but

recovered quickly. I still remember responding to the eerie help call. Anyway, congratulations on your promotion.

I would like to welcome to the division Lt. **Rubert (NEWT)**, Sgt. **Showler (HWD)**, Sgt. **Young (SW)**, P-III **Adams (RAMP)**, P-I **Brock (TD)**, P-I **Cortez (TD)**, P-I **Fontes (TD)**, MA2 **Clark (SDTF)**, and MA2 **Sims (SDTF)**.

### Current Activities

The most recent Southeast training day went off without any broken bones. Enjoy some of the pictures of SLO **Phil Thompson** (aka red man).

Everyone is welcome to attend the Southeast Snowboarding and Ski trip. It will take place April 7, 1999, at Snow Summit in Big Bear Mountain. We will meet at SOE station at 0600 hours or meet at Snow Summit at 0830 hours. We are looking at getting discount lift tickets and rental packages. If you want to attend or have questions, you can contact SLO **Al Labrada** in the CRO office or Officer **James Kim** on morning watch.

I would like to wish a speedy recovery to Officer **Moberg** with the busted foot, Officer **Matthews** with a TC-related back injury, and Officer **James Kim** with an injured hand due to a puppy attack.

If you have not already noticed, the Southeast Station parking lot is currently

being torn up. They are replacing the old fuel tanks with some environmentally safe tanks. Personally, I think they should put in a swimming pool.



Sgt. Clark, Ofcr. Sauvaio, SLO Thompson and Ofcr. Quinones preparing for another brawl scenario.

Till the next one, if any of you current or retired Southeaster's have some divisional war stories, send them in. Attention Al Labrada, Southeast Area, 145 W. 108th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90065. I will get them printed for upcoming issues.

BE SAFE!

### More Divisional Reporter on next page

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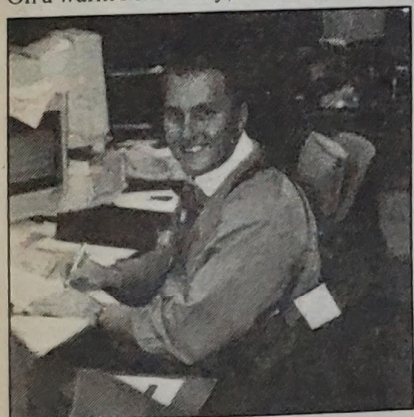
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Det. Long with foreign object protruding from a sacred area.

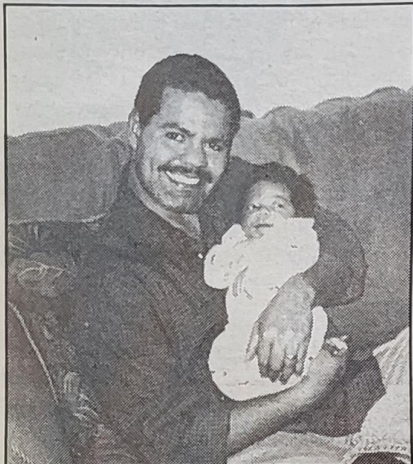


## DIVISIONAL REPORTER

### West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey  
West L.A. Division

Sgt. John Warren comes to WLA as a recent transfer from Foothill Division, where he spent two years in Foothill CRASH and SPU. He has been a sergeant for five years and has twelve years with the Department. Why did he come to WLA? There were two main reasons. One was the recent purchase of a home on the west side,



Johnathan Chaz Warren with WLA Sgt. father, John.

and the other was the birth of his first child, a boy named Johnathan Chaz. He was born on 11/30/98 to Sgt. Warren and his wife, Christine. A college fund has already been established for his son to attend Stanford. Just think . . . only four months old and already on the way to school. The sergeant's goal is to be a good family man. A further

become involved with the bike unit. He likes to ride along the beach and who can blame him? That's a great ride with a commanding view of the Pacific. Oh yeah, he asked me,



Cindy Lepe, WLA Explorer, wrote her first police report on day watch.

"Guess who I ran into the first day at WLA? Monica Lewinsky!" He has since met Mr. and Mrs. Billy Crystal and observed a limo bringing Chelsea Clinton to Century City to go shopping. He's finding it very different from Foothill and Newton while trying to cope with all the "high-powered WLA stuff . . . oh yes, and enjoying all the eating places."

In other notes, what would you like to hear about . . . the weather? The fact that it's Baker-to-Vegas time again??

WLA day watch conducted a "sting" operation on 2/24/99. Decoys **Alcala** and **Dacey** were attempting to safely cross the street at two designated crosswalks while avoiding being struck by one or more vehicles. Talk about playing chicken! Three officers were staked out around the corners and quickly went after the violators, most of whom were ticketed for failing to stop for pedestrians. (The man from Greece who had just gotten off the plane was given a warning and told to enjoy his stay in Los Angeles.) Approximately 47 citations were written. The decoys, along with Officers **Rick Ballesteros**, **Julie Fuller** and **Pat Smith**



And now for a look back at Capt. Smith... the way he looked at the West LA Christmas party!

discussion with Sgt. Warren revealed that he is "anxiously awaiting the results of the lieutenant's test" and that he did his probation as a sergeant at Newton. One of his favorite hobbies is rock climbing which he said is "kinda scary." (I guess so. As for me, I'd rather go skydiving . . .!) John hopes to

put on quite a "show" for the onlookers, many of whom thanked the police for their efforts on behalf of pedestrians. And you can take that to the bank!

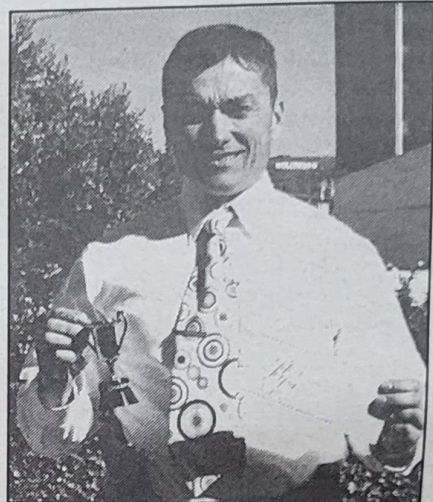
By the way, don't forget to start planning for Y2K . . . just in case.

## HOLLYWOOD HAPPENINGS

by Floyd Toledo  
Hollywood Division

### Only in Hollywood

Where else would you find L.A.'s finest detectives dressed up with their ugliest ties? Well, on Feb. 11th, those sharp



Feb. 11, 1999 - Ugly Tie Contest. Dennis McNeal with his \$20 gift certificate sponsored by Parkway Clothes, 713 S. LA Street.

dressing detectives donned their very worst looking neckties, right from their very own closets and dared to wear them for the entire day at work. A judging panel of **Tina Arnold**, **Beverly Carr** and **Sharyn Gunter** voted it a unanimous choice. **Dennis McNeal** was awarded the

moting and remaining here is now Det. **T. Marcia** and Sgt. **A. Clark**. Congratulations!

Also arriving were P-3s **T. Golt** from 77th, and **M. Brooks** from Newton. P-2s **F. Montesdeoca** from Devonshire, **M. Gholizadeh** from OCVD, and **E. Miller** from TRSG. The academy sent P-1s **D. Childs**, **D. Dinse** and **O. Kassimo**.

Escaping recently were Lt. **J. Bower** to South Bureau, Sgt. **C. Buttitta** gone to Metro, and P-2s **A. Gomez** to Central and **S. Hall** to CRS. Promoting and leaving is P-3 **D. Woolsey**. Also dashing away were P-2s **E. Gable** to Foothill, and **A. Salazar** to Narcotics Division.

### Sports

The Hollywood Division running team continues to train for the Baker-to-Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. On February 7th, 13 members of the running team participated in the Chinatown 10K Run. Hollywood is looking to repeat as LAPD's fastest mixed running team. Team members included: **Mark Aguilar**, **Steve Showler**, **Ryan White**, **Mike Strosnider**, **Mike Seguin**, **Jim Mateer** (coach), **Tracye Fields**, **Karla Koerber**, **Derick Prude**, **Paul Rodriguez**, **Chuck Buttitta**, **Alan Hamilton**, **Greg Hoyte**, and **Mike Skiff**. (See photo.)

Hollywood Division fielded a basketball team in the Sterling Gordon Intramural "C" League for the 1998-99 season. The team primarily consisted of **Phillip Carr**, **Mike Strosnider**, **Honour Henry**, **Mike Ruiz**, **Kevin Moore**, **Sharrone Dills**, **Chris Rowland** and **Nate Baez**. The team finished the regular season with five wins and one loss. The team won by an average of 20 points with strong rebounding from **Phillip Carr** and **Chris Rowland** and the superior outside shooting of **Mike Strosnider** and **Nate Baez**. Those 3-point shots by Honour



Front Row (l to r): Mark Aguilar, Steve Showler, Ryan White & Mike Strosnider. Back Row (l to r): Mike Seguin, Jim Mateer, Tracy E. Fields, Karla Koerber, Derick Prude, Paul Rodriguez, Chuck Buttitta, Alan Hamilton, Greg Hoyte & Mike Skiff.



Players (l to r): Mike Strosnider, Chris Rowland, Nate Baez, Phillip Carr, Mike Ruiz, Kevin Moore & David Ulloa. Not Shown: Honour Henry and Sharrone Dill.

honor of owning the "Ugliest Tie" in Hollywood. The contest was sponsored by "Parkway Clothes" of 713 S. Los Angeles St. The trophy and photo of the winning ugly tie is on display in the detective area (see photo).

### In-N-Out-N-Ups

Landing in Lala Land in February were newly-promoted Lt. **D. Miller** from Transit Group, Sgt. **A. Prince** from 77th, and from Foothill, Det. **K. Brower**. Pro-

Henry made for pro level excitement. The team made it to the fifth round of the playoffs before being eliminated from the tournament and finished the season with an overall record of eight wins and two losses. (See photo.)

REMEMBER: The intradepartmental softball season is here. Let's all back our team by participating as players or spectators. See coaches Det. **Chevolek** and Det. **Toledo** for further. See ya at the games!

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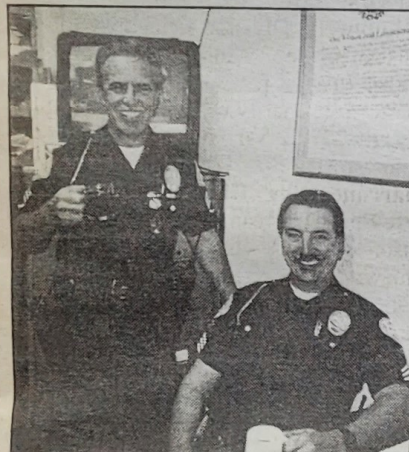
## Westside Story

by Roy Langheld  
West Traffic Division

Well, I am going to make another try at predicting our move into our new station adjacent to Wilshire. This is the third month that I have predicted that we will be in our new station by the time this hits print. Our new move-in date is March 13 and it is a firm date. Maybe. The facility is very nice and I am sure we will be there soon. All the officers at WTD say they will believe it when it happens.

### Arrivals and Departures

Sgt. Kevin Giberson is leaving us for a job in Transit Division. Hey, Kevin, we were getting used to seeing your smiling face around here, and we are going to miss you big time. Fortunately, Sgt. Al



Al Zardeneta and Al Rice having their morning cup of mud.

Ruvalcaba, who is an old BCMC from years back is replacing him. We expect Al to fit in WTD very nicely with his traffic experience. He will certainly know how to interact with those wonderful motorcops. We also are getting P.O. II+II Light in from CTD. Officer McCready is coming in from Harbor and Officer Rabina is coming in from West L.A. Welcome aboard folks.

### WTD Breaking News

PM Watch went to a beach party one fine Sunday at the end of February. Apparently, there was a big "Hip Hop" concert, and the beach crowd became unruly. (Tell me it's not true!) Fortunately for Pacific Division, Lt. West led a fine crew of WTD officers to the rescue. Sgt. Al Rice and Sgt. John Haus assisted West along with CI Officers Felipe Navarro, John Hankins, Ed Broussard, Phil Okamoto, Ralph Alvarez, and James



Joe Pollock and Ed Broussard.

Haslem. The officers were very pleased to be wearing their stylish new ballistic helmets but seem to be concerned that they were so light that the ocean breeze would blow them away. Sgt. "Bucket Head" Rice is said to be devising a plan to attach large lead fishing weights to the helmets to add a little extra weight.



Tony Lee (center) with his pedestrian detail.

CI Cops Ed Broussard and Phil Okamoto spotted two Ferraris engaged in a speed contest on Figueroa recently. The officers didn't think they had a chance of catching this speedy pair, but the Ferrari drivers were thwarted by heavy traffic. The officers were able to stop and cite both drivers. Lo and behold, one of the drivers did not have a valid Driver's License. Needless to say, the driver was crying big ole alligator tears as his Ferrari was being towed away.

P.O. III+I Tony Lee is in the midst of transforming our division's Reserve Officer Corp. Lee has recruited the finest Reserve Officers from all over the Department. The Reserve Officers are actively engaged in Pedestrian Safety details, which target both

illegal pedestrians and vehicles that fail to stop for pedestrians legally crossing the street. The efforts of our Reserve Officers are helping WTD solve the Community's traffic problems and are saving lives. Thanks for a job well done.

Lt. Joe Peyton is away in London, England. He is being used as a consultant on a police related movie. Hey, Joe, bring us back a souvenir. Big City Motor Cop John Lawrence crashed his Kawy on the freeway recently. His front wheel hit a large piece of debris while on a transition road. Fortunately, he had minor injuries and is back to work. Keep it rubber side down till next time.

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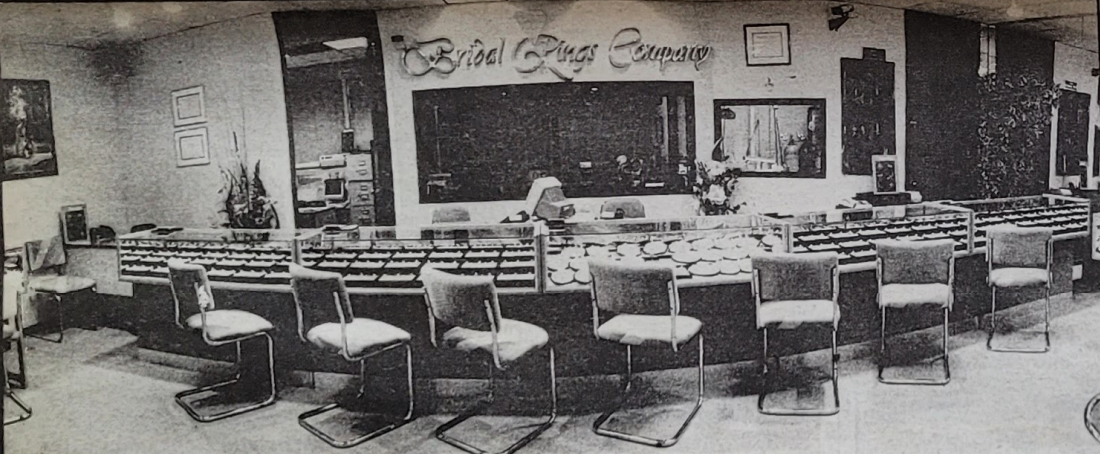


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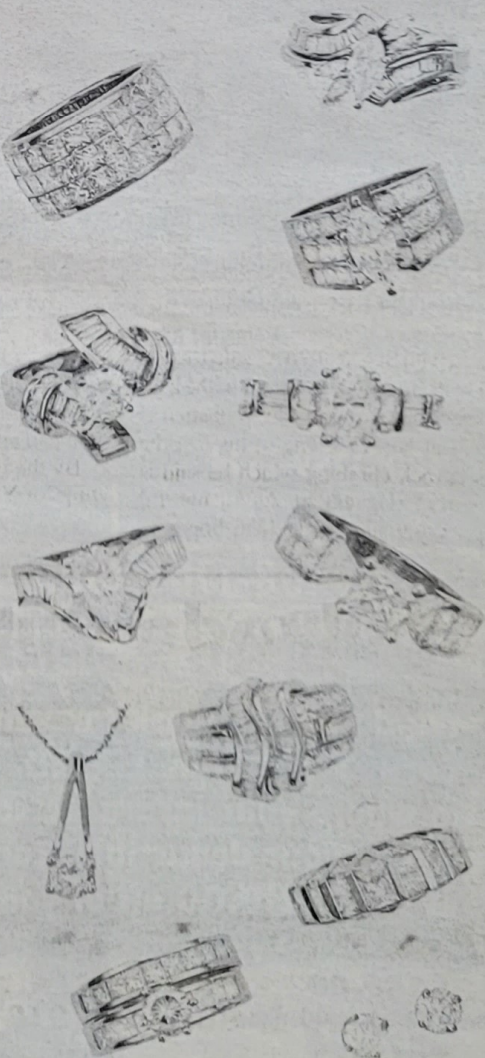
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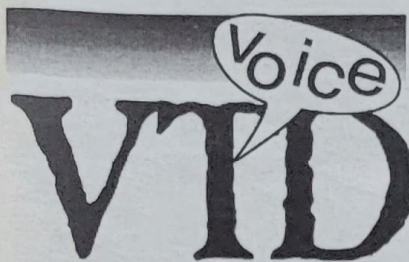
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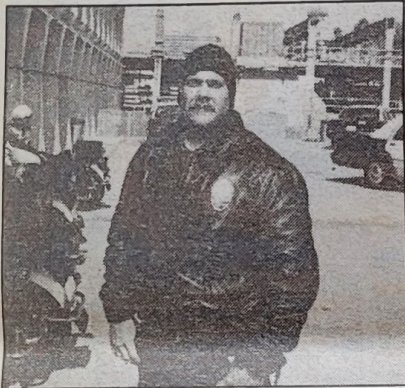


by D. A. McCallum  
Valley Traffic Division

OK, it's April . . . Spriiiiing has spruuuuung (by the time you read this). The birds are whistling, the bees are buzzing and everyone is ever-so-happy within the LAPD (that's what *The Beat* says). Let's not forget V.T.D.'s 20th anniversary picnic, June 26, 1999, at the Rancho San Antonio boy's home in Chatsworth. Order your tickets now so you don't miss out on the fun and potential 1.28s!

### Ins/Outs

Welcome back Sgt. **Rick Luskleet**, #20157, former B.C.M.C. at V.T.D. (put them patches back on!). Also welcome Officer **Fuller**, #34077, from T.B.D. Say goodbye to **Allen Kwiatkowski**, #31574, who leaves us for Northeast Division.



Conner T. MacIvor

We'll miss you, bubb! And last, but not least, say a farewell to Officer **Marcus R. Torres** who leaves the Department after eight years, but ironically will be replaced by his long lost Scottish cousin, **Connor T. MacIvor** (see photos).

Congratulations to "lock-it-up" . . . "you want a piece of this" . . . "the line starts here" **Vasquez**, #31025, for his promotion to P-III at V.T.D. The department still has a sense of humor after all!



Congratulations to the newest C.I. officer (in about 21 years): **Christie Joan Silber**, born 1/19/99 at 2310 hrs.; Weight - 7.4 lbs.; Height - 20"; Parents - Connie & Michael Silber.

### Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following V.T.D. personnel: **Nagengast** (4/7); **Helm** (4/2); **Clinton** (4/20); **Uber** (4/15);



Marcus R. Torres

**Ryan** (4/25); **Hunnicut** (4/5); **Hartman** (4/19); **Kemptner** (4/23); **Lewis** (4/25); **Deaton** (4/25); **Weaver** (4/11); **Henry** (4/11); **Liu** (4/5); **Hough** (4/11); and **Wilson** (4/20).

**We DARE you to make a difference**

by Caesar Gonzalez  
DARE Division

### Officer of the Year!

Officer **Glenn Bedford**, a 25-year veteran of our department, was honored as "Officer of the Year" through the Dan Danko Special Award. Glenn received his award through councilman Hal Bernson. He received additional recognition awards from L.A. County Supervisor Michael Antonovich, California State Assembly Member Tom McClintock and Robert Hertzberot. Also present were California State Senator Cathie Wright and U.S. Congressman Buck McKeon (see picture).



Officer Glenn Bedford receives the Dan Danko "Officer of the Year Award."

Glenn has always been a valuable member of the department. This is reflected in his 51 Police Olympic medals earned in swimming and team triathlon, including a world record. He was nominated for Juvenile Officer of the Year in 1987 and was named Employee of the Quarter in 1997. Outside the department, Glenn was honored by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice and the Illinois State Police Academy. In 1996, Tulsa Street Elementary School honored Glenn with the "Officer Glenn Bedford Day," the entire school turned out to read speeches, release balloons and present him with a proclamation and plaque. Keep up the great job, Glenn!

### LAPD Magnet School

In a continuing effort to support the children of our city and expand our community policing program, the Los Angeles Police Department has started the Los Angeles Police Academy Magnet School. This program sends a uniformed police officer to work with students at the high school level and prepare them for a future career in law enforcement.

The magnet school mission statement states that by providing a rigorous academic high school curriculum, the Los Angeles Police Academy Magnet School prepares highly motivated young men and women for careers in law enforcement. Drawing upon the diversity of our city, the Academy assists the Los Angeles Police Department in achieving effective community-based policing, while providing Los Angeles Unified School District students with opportunities to explore the broad range of careers within the field of criminal justice; to understand the relationship between academic achievement and success in the workplace; and to develop the skills necessary to make well-informed career choices.

In turn, the students make a pledge. They pledge to prepare themselves to serve their communities, protect lives and property and to respect the rights of all people to liberty, equality, and justice. Throughout their high school careers, they will work to develop themselves intellectually, ethically and physically to achieve this goal, dedicating themselves to their future profession—law enforcement.

This exciting new program gives students a "hands-on" approach. They study report writing, criminal law and procedure, and work out regularly. Although on a smaller scale, their training mirrors our academy training.

I recently paid a visit to Wilson High School to see the program in action. The officer assigned to the school is Manny Valladares. Manny is a former United States Marine and a 10-year member of our Department. Not only was I impressed with the program itself, but with Manny's teaching ability. His sincerity and genuineness is evident. He has formed a strong bond with the students. This bond will be remembered when these students become the adults and community leaders. This will strengthen the bond between the community and our department. As Manny stated, "This program fosters understanding and compassion on both sides of the fence!"

### Welcome

Joining the DARE Division family this month are officers: **Vega** from Wilshire and **Kingi** from West Traffic Division. Welcome to DARE.

### Farewell

This month's goodbye goes to Officer **Romero**, who will be moving on to Central Patrol, and Officer **Durrell**, who will be going to work the Airport Detail.

### Promotions

Congratulations goes out to Officer **Obong**, who has promoted to Police Officer III at Hollywood Division, and Sgt. **Allen**, who has promoted to Sgt. II as Commander Pennel's Aid at Training Group. Officer **Flor Rodriguez** has promoted to Training Division. Good job and good luck!

### Legends Move On

In our department we often overlook key personnel who contribute greatly to our day-to-day operations. They are the quiet office support who keep our department moving. It is my pleasure to say goodbye to two very important LAPD/DARE employees. These employees are none other than clerk typists **Garbriella Lopez** and **Lilly Jew**.

Gabve Lopez (Queen Bee) leaves us with over 12 years of DARE service, and Lilly Jew with almost 10 years. Lilly has 30 years with the Los Angeles Police Department. God bless and thank you for your hard work.

### DARE News

DARE Division did it!! Our divisional basketball team won the championship A league title over Parker Center. The Parker Center team had been undefeated for four seasons. Congratulations to all on the team.

On May 22nd, DARE Division will host an Open House from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served and there will also be a tour of our facilities.

### DARE Opportunities

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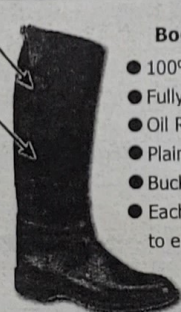
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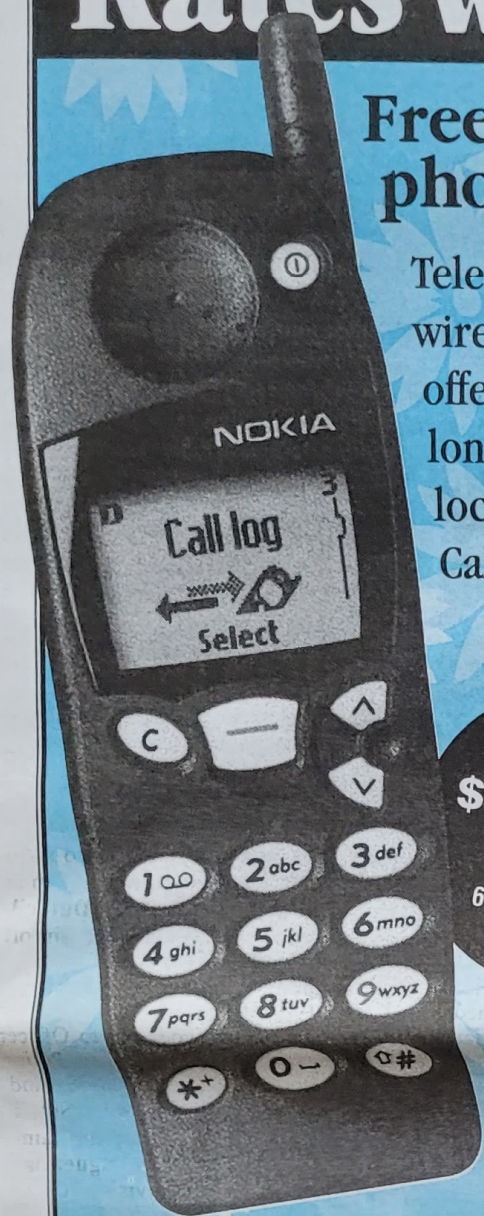
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# CENTURIONS VICTORIOUS OVER DALLAS-FORT WORTH AND SOUTH BAY KNIGHTS

by Lenny Muñoz

**I**t was down right chilly in Monterey Park the evening of March 6, 1999, when the LAPD Centurions hosted the Dallas-Fort Worth Panthers at East Los Angeles College Stadium. This was the opening football game for both teams of cops as they began their quest for the Western Division Championship of the National Public Safety Football League.

In addition to the Centurions and Panthers, the Western Division of the N.P.S.F.L. includes the San Diego Enforcers, Orange County Lawmen, L.A. Heat (Fire Fighters), South Bay Knights, Houston Gunners (Houston P.D.) and the Harris County Calvary (Sheriffs Department in Houston).

The Eastern Division is comprised of New York's Finest, New York's Bravest, New York's Boldest, Palm Beach Bandits (Florida), Lansing Blue Knights (Michigan), and the Washington, D.C. Lawdogs. The winners of each division will collide on Saturday, June 5, 1999, in Houston, Texas, for the N.P.S.F.L. Championship.

Getting back to March 6, there were plenty of heroes on both teams, but the real heroics were performed by the Centurion Cheerleaders. Squad Captain Jill Reinhold and teammates Sara Faden, Esther Mya Pe, Teri Williams, Sharlene Johnson, Denise Bell, Stephanie Fryer and Teresa Harris braved extremely cold weather (for L.A. anyway). Their superb routines and sharp appearance inspired the crowd as they urged the Centurions to victory.

The game itself was hard fought and hard hitting. The "Don't mess with Texas" mind-set was evident as the Panthers slugged it out with the Centurions. The home team scored first in a short run from scrimmage by Howard Jackson #20. The P.A.T. was successful. Later in the first half, L.A.'s Craig Burns #29 intercepted a pass at mid-field and ran for pay dirt. The P.A.T. was unsuccessful.

Dallas-Fort Worth held the Centurions in check in the second half, as Panther DB Thad Hill intercepted a pass and returned it for a touchdown. The P.A.T. failed and the game remained close, tough, and 13-6 until the final gun. The Centurions were happy with the win, but will have their work cut out for them for the rest of the season. The revenge-minded South

Bay Knights hosted the Centurions on March 20, 1999, with the Centurions overwhelming the Knights, 27-0. The Knights had been vowing revenge since last year's close game was won by the Centurions on a last minute, final down, 50-yard, up-the-middle touchdown run by the heroic veteran, James Wallace. The Knights talked a lot of trash but the Centurions kept their poise and would not let them produce.

The Centurions had plenty of heroes, but the "Hit of the Game" was made by Keith Wiggins, who produced a Ronnie Lott type hit after a Knight wide receiver caught a lengthy pass just shy of the goal. The resulting smash by Wiggins separated the ball from the player, sending the pigskin into the zone, then out of play for a

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LAPD Officers Myron Pedroche and Ray Puettmann of the Centurion Offensive Line.



League Directors Lenny Muñoz and Gary Morgan with Tyler (with Lenny) and Mackenzie Morgan.



The 1999 Centurion Cheerleaders.

Photos by Lenny Muñoz



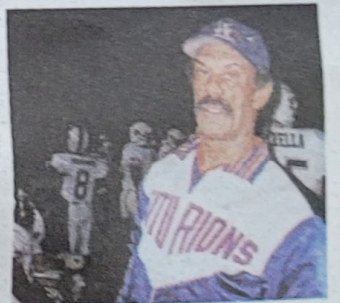
The Husky Marching Band from Peary Jr. High School.



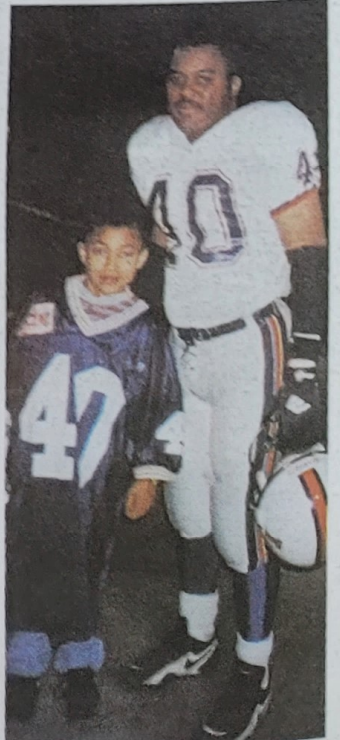
Hardy fans trying to stay warm while rooting for Centurions.



The Peary Jr. High School Flag and Drill Team energized the fans all night long.



Recently retired Ed Lindsay remains an important part of the Centurions.



LAPD Officer Mike Williams of Rampart CRASH with his son, Jacob.



# BEYOND THE BADGE

## OPERATION SANTA 1998

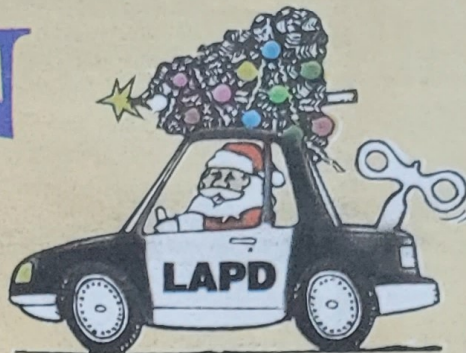
### SOUTHEAST DIVISION

**S**outheast Police Officers Moberg, Rabbet, Herrera and Gura played Santa Claus this year. The officers loaded approximately 2,500 toys in their police vehicles and distributed the toys throughout the Southeast community. The Southeast Area goal was to help needed families who could not afford toys for their children and to bridge better relations with the community.

Officers Arredondo, Estrada and Moberg help with the logistics of Operation Santa and for the Southeast Christmas Basket Program. The officers were in charge of picking up approximately 4,500 toys from various locations, separating the toys for the different ages and ensuring that all the different toys were given to the proper Southeast personnel. The toys were given to Southeast Desk Officers, Detectives, Senior Lead Officers, Community Relations Officers, and Patrol Officers.

Southeast Desk Officers gave toys at the front desk to families with children, who came in to make a crime report or who had a police matter. Detectives gave toys to abused children, families with kids that came to see the detectives, or who were victims of a crime. The Senior Lead Officers passed out toys for needed families in their area. Community Relations Officers passed out toys to the Southeast DAPS. The Patrol Officers gave toys to citizens who had kids at their radio calls.

Operation Santa was a success due to all these officers' hard work, working long hours, and dedication to the Southeast community. Job well done!!



Officer Moberg and Officer Herrera



Officer Gura



Officer Rabbett

#### Centurions

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Centurion touchback. The play kept the Knights scoreless at 24-0, and was a morale buster for South Bay.

More drama occurred when Centurion kicker Todd Waymire attempted a 42 yd. field goal in the fourth quarter. The game was well in hand at that moment as the LAPD crowd urged their kicker. Waymire

played to the crowd and unleashed an awesome and accurate field goal down the middle that would have been good at fifty yards. A great cap for a fine night of Centurion Football.

The Centurion coaching staff and players should be commended as they continue their drive for the 1999 National Public Safety Football League Championship. Come support

your team as they host their next opponent, the San Diego Enforcers, on Saturday, April 3, 1999, at East Los Angeles College.

The LAPD Centurions play for pride and they play to win, but most importantly, they play for the children of the Blind Children's Center. In addition, they have dedicated their season to the family of former Centurion football player and current Pacific

Division Homicide Detective Ron Cade. Earlier in the day of the L.A. vs. Dallas-Fort Worth game, Ron's wife Penny, succumbed to cancer after a lengthy battle. Also, it must be remembered, the Cade family lost young Ron Cade, Jr., in 1997, after he was struck by a vehicle while walking to school. Please keep Ron and his family in your hearts and prayers.

See you at the next game.



## DIVISIONAL REPORTER

# Southern lip

by Alley Cat  
Harbor Division

Good day mates, friends and family. When you are reading the articles from the *Blue Line*, you will be just short of the yearly big run, "Baker to Vegas." I would like to wish good luck to all the teams participating this year, especially Harbor Division.

Retirement—doesn't that word sound great to some of the old timers on LAPD? We are losing three people from Harbor Division alone this month.

John Buliach, Dickie Simmons, and Roland (Frenchy) Drouin. Dickie picked up a sweet spot, working for supervisor Knabe out of the San Pedro Courthouse. If you should be lucky enough to be in the San Pedro Courthouse, stop upstairs and have Dickie buy you a cup of coffee. Rolo is headed for the big campout across the United States and Canada. John is just fed up and going to relax. I would like to personally thank John for getting my gun back to me. John went down to see the retirement counselor last month. He was checking off his equipment and gun for retirement when he was notified that the gun he was carrying, a 6" Hog Leg, wasn't his. He started checking around and found that the gun belonged to me. Well, naturally we switched back. The only problem was that we got the guns switched. John hasn't been in the streets since then. John, just a side note to your gun, check the sights, that

thing still pulls to the left. I would like to thank and congratulate these three individuals for their intestinal fortitude in staying the amount of time they did. Folks, we lost "90" plus years of service to the city of Los Angeles.

The baby machine is cranking out at a steady pace around this place. Kelvin Higa and misses, Grace, produced a second baby last month. Young Andrew James Higa, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and 20-1/2 inches. Good work mom and dad.

In and Out List: Lt. Bill Sutton is leaving and being replaced by a new boot, Lt. R. Esquivel. Robert Marino is leaving Harbor as a P-3 and going to Pacific Div. as a boot sergeant. J. Brugger is leaving after a very short stay, to become a new D-1 at Southeast Div. L. Laurenti is leaving Pacific to become a D-2 at Harbor Dets. T. Christopher and R. Johnson are coming to Harbor as P-3s. Art Aguirre has decided to become a pull my pin Metro Cop. D. Burrus is bailing out of Harbor and going to Training Div. J. Camacho is leaving for CTD. The new blood is: S.

Tabares, P. Clayson, V. Albano, L. Avila, and L. Hernandez from Pacific. Out the door is: M. Brunel, G. Jensen and J. Brunell to Pacific, E. Heredia to STD, L. Lai to TBD (?), S. Erickson to TRD (?), and Z. McCreday to WTD. Newbys in: B. Harden, J. Ramirez, and O. Thomas from the harsh reality of Training Div.

Yes, Harbor Div. does promote from within once in a while. Four new boot P-3s, Dana Furuta, Evan Martin, Juan Reyes, and Amy Wong (Munson). We are getting a record clerk from PC, J. Cuttrell. Welcome and goodbye to all. May your careers flourish as mine has.

Some old veteran softball players, Leonard Avalos (Panda), and Dan Ornelas, play for LAPD teams. If you know these two, you would think they would be playing for the Centurion line, and I thought softball was a game of speed.

Don't forget to check your gun serial numbers. You would hate to get in a shooting with the wrong gun. Keep your powder dry and be safe for your families and loved ones.

# Riding the Rails

by Jose Ceja  
Transit Group

## Vegas Baby, Vegas!

Transit Group is all aboard and ready for Baker to Vegas. Team Capt. Gary Borg fired up the BBQ grill at TBD and raised enough money to upgrade his room from double-occupancy to luxury suite. Among those that joined Gary at TBD for the cookout were Officers Mark Hernandez, Carlos De La Cruz, Chang Kim "CK," Mark Preciado, Nancy McCullough and Sergio Andrade. The guys and gals at TBD wanted me to thank master chef Sergio Andrade, who was missing in action most of the afternoon, but eventually returned, unlike his badge. Everyone enjoyed Sergio's delicious home cooking. And everyone agreed that it was Sergio's masterful use of the tongs and spatula that made the BBQ a success.

## Football, Dude

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." Officer Greg Stys and a rag-tag group of transit cops battled to the death on the gridiron and had a great time doing it. Although the enemy decimated our troops, our team fought hard to the bitter end.

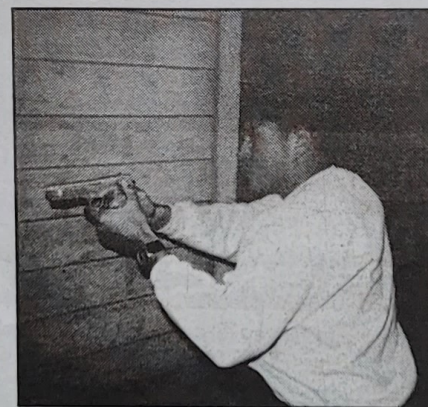
Flag football teams from Devonshire, Rampart, Northeast, Southwest, West

L.A. and TRD all competed in a double elimination flag football tournament. The Transit team did extremely well for their first ever football tournament appearance. Team Capt. Greg Stys was pleased with the performance of his first string, which was made up of such football legends as Sgt. Joseph Rauchfuss and Officer Tony Rodriguez. Both of these men outdid themselves by yanking flags off of opposing team members with an intensity that is rarely seen.

Greg did ask me to throw down the gauntlet for him. He would like to invite Rampart Division to one game of no holds barred flag football. Greg says, "My team is ready, dude, all they have to do is call. I'll be waiting, dude."

## Training

In February, Transit Group made its way down to San Pedro where everyone had the opportunity to sharpen their building search and foot pursuit skills.



Officer Calzada slices the pie.

For many officers who have recently transferred into the division, this was a small taste of the extensive training that

Transit Group has been undergoing for the past year.

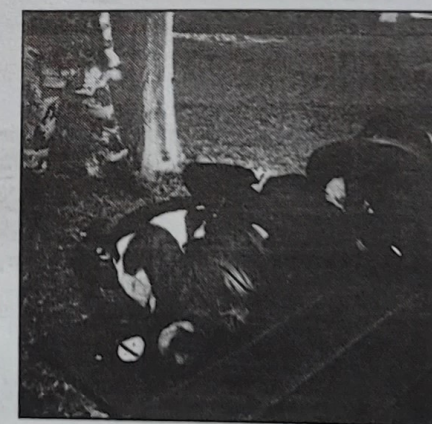
Officer John Calzada showed off the well-disciplined building search techniques that make him a great cop. Officers George Bowens and James Burgener took a break from wrestling the "Red Man" to pose for a snap shot. As you can see, neither George nor "Burdy" broke a sweat in the process.

The gratitude of the entire Transit Group goes out to Martial Arts Master John Twine, who twisted his ankle on the first day of training. Whoever broke him is going to have to pay for the replacement parts. Officer Twine recovered quickly from his injury and has resumed his normal duties.

## Pumped Up

Looks like TRD is home to a world class gym, thanks to the efforts of Officer Mike Hall. Officer Hall took it upon himself to collect the money, purchase new equipment and come in on his own time and put it all together.

Some of the improvements include several new machines, a bench press, and a stereo, tons of weights and a cou-



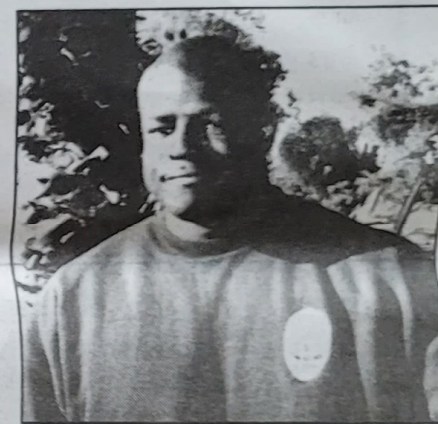
"I got his head, you grab his feet!"

ple of "Thigh-masters." If you're interested in working out, just talk to Mike. He'll let you know how to be part of the muscle-bound Transit Crew. Everyone at TRD appreciates all his hard work. Thanks, Mike.

## Caper of the Month

Officers Sergio Sanchez and Sam Shepard (no relation to the astronaut) used a secret emergency exit to sneak up on a dope dealer and his buyer. While conducting a footbeat of the Westlake Redline Train Station, Sergio and Sam were informed by a citizen of a male suspect who was selling drugs from the street corner, directly in front of Langer's Restaurant. The two TRD tunnel rats used a secret passageway, which runs underground from West-

lake Station to the restaurant. When they emerged from the tunnel inside the restaurant, they saw a blue sedan pull up to the curb and a male Hispanic, matching the description given to the two officers, walk up to the car. It did take an astronaut to figure out a deal was going down. The two officers sprang into action and nabbed the



Joe Hopkins wants to know, "Anybody wanna buy a dog?"

dealer, the buyer and the stash.

Undoubtedly, Officer Sanchez's intimate knowledge of the subway system and Officer Shepard's keen observation skills made for the innovative "Transit" style drug bust. Good job, guys.

## Let Me See Some Paws!

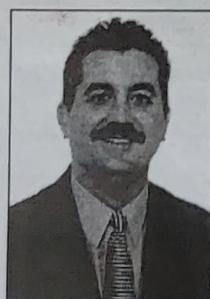
Last month Officer Joe Hopkins wanted to see his name in the paper so I obliged him, but there was nothing really to say. This month, however, Joe far exceeded any expectations I had for a good story. It turns out Joe, while on loan to Southeast Division, sent one more dog to heaven.

The details are sketchy, but Joe and his partner were not hurt in the incident. I tried asking Joe what happened, but he told me, "Get out of my face, Ceja." It's interesting to note that Hopkins and dogs just don't mix. Less than a year ago, the Hopkins family took in a quiet, but kind, little puppy. As the puppy grew, so too did the damage to the Hopkins residence. Officer Hopkins eventually sold the dog to a friend.

Joe did say that his prior experience with canines had nothing to do with his decision to ten-ring the vicious dog that attacked him.

## Eagle of the Month

Congratulations to Mitchel McCullough, son of Officer Nancy McCullough, for winning the Eagle of the Month award at Valencia Elementary. Keep up the good work.



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# Internal Combustion

by David McGill  
Internal Affairs Group

## Welcome Mat

The doctor is in! Welcome officially to IAG, Sgt. "Doc" Gibson. We are glad



Det. Lace Jackson with her family at Snow Summit: Kevin, Kyle Jr., Kendall and Capt. Kyle Sr. Everyone needs a little R&R sometime!

you're here. Also, Senior Clerk Typists **Esperanza Espino-Garcia** and **C. Rover-Jackson** are recent arrivals. Good luck in your new assignments.

## Goodbyes

So long to recently promoted Lt. **Peter Whittingham**, who is now working Pacific Area. Congratulations, Pete, and best of luck in your new job.

Congratulations to Sgt. **Justin Eisenberg**, who has moved to Cmdr. Lorenzen's office, and **Lillian Johnson**, who switched roles to become a sergeant at Wilshire Area. Sorry to see you go, but best of luck to you as well!

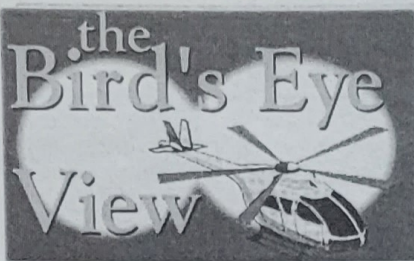
We heard that Det. **Troy Shin** will be leaving us shortly (if he hasn't already) to Foothill Homicide. Happy hunting.

## New Additions

By the time you read this (hopefully, if all goes well), Sgt. **Joel Justice** and his wife, Margie, will have a new baby boy in their family, Matthew Ryan. As of the writing of this article, Margie's C-Section was scheduled for March 22, 1999. Congratulations to you both!

Speaking of labor, word has it that Joel's "ponderosa" was in need of hard work. If you don't know, Joel has a big spread north of Los Angeles. He has been working on it for the last five years, and he thinks he has another 20 more before he's done. Pals, Sgts. **Dave Rosenberg** and **Brian Hospodar** helped a friend in need, and they swore they would never do it again!

Light month . . . until next time.



by Michelle Blackstone  
& Larry Chamberlain  
Air Support Division

We would like to extend our get well soon wishes to our laid-up guys: **Rich Beardslee**, **Frank Provenzano**, **Roger Mossett**, **Steve Brown**, **Sean McGee** and **George Lafferty**. We miss you guys. Come back soon!

Air Support Division is undergoing some major changes this year. We have a large number of guys retiring between now and July and the vast amount of experience that we are losing is irreplaceable. The rough estimate of retirees is approximately 15. The first group to be celebrated will be **Rich Beardslee** (tentatively), **Dennis Abbott**, **Norm Robinson**, **Larry Pope**, **Bill Stough**, **Jim Flickenger** and **Rick Giles**. We will be having a multi-retirement party on April 30th at the Academy. Anyone interested in attending, please call 2600 and ask for Blackstone or Perrigey.

We will begin our Tactical Flight Officer loanee program DP#3. Congratulations to Officers **Steve Cornell** (Ramp), **Eric Rogers** (Harb), **Jon Walker** (CTD), **Wayne Oates** (77th), **Kris Kalis** (Hlbk), **Mike Rodriguez** (N/E), **Fernando Gil** (Hlbk), **John Moreno** (CTD), **Adam Schiffer** (Harb), **Ulysses Taylor** (WTD), **Kim**

**Landry** (VTD), **Randy Yang** (Newt) and **Johnny Edwards** (Harb) for making the outstanding list after taking an oral interview. These officers will each come up to ASD on loan for one month to see how they do in the left seat (TFO seat). If they successfully complete their month loan and come out in the outstanding pool, they will then return for a three-month probationary period and then become a permanent member of the Air Support family. Good luck to all. We wish you the best!

We would also like to congratulate our two new sergeants, but at this time we have no idea who they are. Good luck to you anyway!

**Dan Hadfield** and **Larry Chamberlain**, along with our new sergeants, will be starting pilot training sometime in April or May. The skies may never again be the same. There's no doubt that the day Hadfield gets his wings everyone will show up to congratulate him and treat him the way he has treated so very many at their wings party! Stand by, Dan!!

Good luck to our very own Sgt. **Bob Green**, who has passed the first portion of the lieutenants test and has his oral soon. Bob, we hope you do great, but hate to lose you.

## ASD Tip of the Month

When conducting a high risk vehicle stop, always remember to pick your location. If there's the potential for a foot pursuit, make sure that (if possible) you make your stop in an area that the airship has a clear line of sight. We can't help you if you're under an overpass or trees or anything else that may obstruct our view. Watch your six and we'll see you out there!

More Divisional Reporter on next page

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Tom Wich  
Robbery Homicide Division

### Commendable Incident

Congratulations to "Big City Detective" D-III **Ted Ball** on being selected by the American Legion 24th District as the Detective of the Year for 1998. Ted, who has been assigned to RHD for ten years, is a 27-year veteran of this fine department. He is currently assigned to Homicide Specials and is responsible for investigating high profile homicides and crimes involving serious injury or murder to any of L.A.'s finest. One example of his fine work involved the investigation of a suspect wanted for three separate homicides. At the time of this investigation, Ted was working with another one of our fine detectives, D-II **Eddie Ramirez**, cur-

rently assigned to OIS. The following is a summary of that investigation.

In 1996, RHD assumed the investigation of the "U-Haul" murders. Seems that some poor citizen purchased the contents of a U-Haul storage unit after the renter failed to keep up on his payments. For those of you that know, storage locations will auction off the contents of storage units when the renter fails to keep up with payments. The only stipulation is that these units are auctioned without the buyer having an opportunity to view the contents prior to the purchase. Well, you can imagine the shock to the buyer when he/she opened up the storage unit and discovered three dead bodies in separate trunks. Ted and his partner responded and began the extensive investigation. Little did they know that this investigation would take them halfway around the world.

The Detectives discovered that these victims had been murdered during a three-year period, 1991-1993, during which the suspect moved the bodies several times. The suspect was subsequently located in INDONESIA. The Detectives thought that they would obtain a warrant and extradite him back to the U.S. The only problem is that our

country does not have an extradition treaty with Indonesia; however, their government was willing to hold the trial in their country. This trial lasted 18 months. Ted, his partner and 13 other witnesses, including SID experts and coroner investigators, traveled to Indonesia and testified during a 7-week period. Based on their outstanding investigation, the suspect was found guilty on all counts and sentenced to death. This was the first time in 36 years that this Chief Justice awarded the death sentence.

### Welcome to the Division

We at RHD are proud to welcome PSR **Eunice "Suzi" McDuffee**, who will be assigned to the front desk and assume the responsibility of subpoena control officer as well as RHD's training coordinator. Joining her will be Lt.-II **Otis Dobine** from PAC detectives, who will take over the Bank Squad, and to D-II **Wallace Tennelle** from NTN. Det. Tennelle, who had worked NTN homicide for numerous years prior to being promoted to D-III, is taking a pay cut to join our Homicide Specials Unit.

### Retirement Corner

Another one of L.A.'s finest is calling it quits. Det. III **Adalberto "Bert" Luper**, #17516, is retiring after 27 years of dedicated/loyal service to the city and this Department. Bert was working NTN homicide when he was selected to work

RHD Homicide Specials in 1990. Bert has investigated numerous high profile cases, including the OJ case. Remember those great interviews from Chicago and the Cosby murder case? Bert is currently assigned to Robbery Specials. His last day on the job will be April 24th with a party to be scheduled later. We sure are going to miss those wild ties.

Mark your calendars, D-III **Buck Henry** has finally selected a date for his retirement dinner which will be held at the Quiet Cannon Restaurant on June 3rd. Cocktails start at 1700 with dinner to follow at 1830 hours. The cost for this extravaganza is \$25 per person. Contact **Otis Marlow**, **Jerry Stephens** or **Mike Berchem** at 213-485-2129.

### RHD Family Business

While attending **Richard Aldahl's** retirement the other night, I had a conversation with retired Capt. **Gartland**, aka WOG. He wants to thank all that attended his retirement, especially to the RHD and ATD personnel who contributed to his retirement function. For those of you that donated that night, \$3,591 was collected for the Police Memorial Foundation. WOG had his retirement videotaped and has received numerous requests for a copy of the tape. Being the retired person that he is, he has forgotten who wanted the tape, so if you are one of the forgotten, you can call Capt. Gartland at 818-888-1503 and order the tape.

Until next time, BE SAFE.



by Cheri Roberts  
Pacific Division

### Oklahoma Compassion

Recently there was a presentation to the **Brian Brown** family, and to Pacific Division, from some folks from Oklahoma City, who heard about the death of Officer Brown. Dylan (Brian's son) was presented with a certificate from the FBI, a baseball cap from the Okla-

homa Police Dept., and a large framed piece which was a drawing and poem in the center, and the signatures of the entire Oklahoma City Police Dept.

dence, only to find that his caregiver was not there, and that there was no way to enter the house. Realizing that the man had enough money to provide for



From L to R: Sgt. Herron, Capt. Williams, Deputy Chief Dinse, Dylan Brown, Linda and Ben Steen, Cmdr. Kerstein, Lt. Smith, and Dennis Brown.

written across the rest. The poem, artwork, and presentation was done by Ben & Linda Steen, who provided an additional piece for Pacific Division officers to sign, in memory of Brian. It was a nice presentation, a wonderful gesture, and greatly appreciated by the Brown family, as well as everyone here at Pacific Division.

### Above and Beyond

Officer **John Smith**, #26338 (from LAX) recently handled a call regarding a found adult wandering around LAX. Upon meeting the 94-year-old man, it was apparent that he was only able to care for himself on a limited basis and would be needing Officer Smith's assistance. Smith made several attempts to contact the man's caregiver, with no response. Smith felt the man was too frail to take public transportation, and feared that he would be victimized if he attempted to get home on his own. Smith then (after receiving W/C approval) transported the man to his resi-

himself, Smith took him to a local motel for the night. The next day, on his own time, Smith checked on the man. The man was still unable to contact his caregiver and was very hungry. Smith brought the man food for the next several days and assisted him in getting to a previously scheduled doctor's appointment. Smith was finally contacted by the caregiver, who advised him that she was in New York, would be there for a while, and offered no solution to the problem. Smith checked on different assisted living homes and found one with an opening. Smith went to the motel to advise the man about the location and discovered that he had fallen, injuring himself. Smith then had him transported to the hospital where he was admitted. Smith then contacted the Social Security Dept. and advised them of the man's housing problem. S.S. assured Smith that the man would be taken care of and released to the proper facility. Smith showed a great amount of dedication in handling this incident, going above and beyond the call of duty. He is commended for his compassion, and as his W/C says, "epitomizes the meaning of 'To protect and to Serve.'"

### Movin' Up

Congrats goes out to the following people who were recently promoted: Sgt. II **Long** from LAX, Lt. **Whittingham** coming in from IAG, Sgt. R.

**Marino** coming in from HARB, Det. **Blocker** coming in from SE, Det. **Rich Guzman** coming to us from WB (Whootie Who), MA2 **Brooks-Leffridge** coming in from CED, Det. II **Laurenti** who is going to HARB, Det. **Fallon** who is headed to 77th, Det. **Michelson** who is going to NE.

### Movin' In

We welcome the following people who are coming to Pacific Area: Sgt. **Parks** in from SW, Officers **Brunel**, **Carranza** & **Jensen** all in from HARB, Officers **Bunnell** and **Odom** in from NE, and Officer **Durrell** in from DARE. Just in time for the Beach Madness!

### Movin' Out

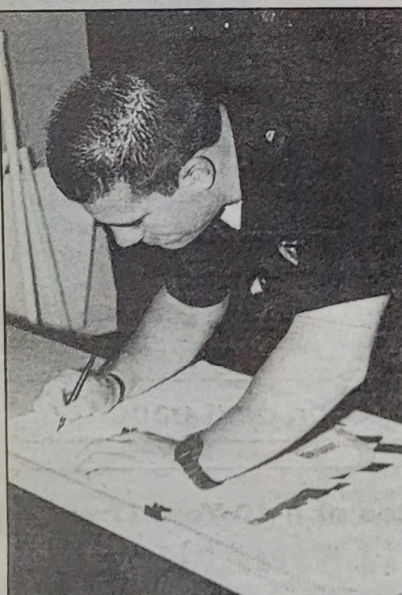
We say goodbye to the following people who are leaving us for what they



Rachel Lauren Brooks, DOB: 1/21/99.

may consider bigger and better things: Lt. **Mulrenin** (who had a brief stint here at Pacific) and is headed for TRD, Sgt. **Carmona** who is headed for FTHL, Sgt. **Yearwood** who is off to HWD, Det. **Pabon** who is finally going to WVAL, Officers **Christopher** and **Clayson** who are both going to HARB, Officer **Sanclemente** who made METRO, Officers **Bassett** and **Zeisner** who are both going to CENT, Officer **Nguyen** who is off to DHD, Officer **Carlozzi** who is headed for NE, Officer **Villarreal** who is going to TBD, and Officer **Ashnault** who is off to TD. Best wishes to you all!

P.S. "Hoppy Easter!" Smile...



Ofcr. Steve Wills signs the poster board presented to us from Oklahoma City, in Memory of Brian Brown.

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# B.A.D. News

by Lou Koven  
Burglary Auto Theft Division

## In-N-Out and Up!

This month I would like to start my article with some great news. Long time member of the CAT Section, Det.-II **John Byun** recently received a most deserved promotion to Det.-III. John will be staying in the CAT Section.

BAD Would like to welcome the following people into the division: Dets. **Tim Bell** from West Valley Division, **Ken Spain** from 77th Division, **Smith Thompson** from Southeast Division, and **Emma Ramirez** of Robbery-Homicide Division.

## Family Issues

Det.-II **Bob Rivera** of VCSS had contracted some mysterious bacterial infection and had been in and out of the hospital for the last two months. Because of his illness

and his hospitalization, he developed complications resulting in a collapsed lung and pneumonia. When I spoke to Bob, he felt as though he had turned the corner and was on the mend. Hopefully by the time this article hits, Bob will be well and back to work.

Our belated condolences to **Steve Kolb** and his family on the loss of his father, **Thomas Kolb**, and to **John Byun** and his family on the loss of his father-in-law, **Jay Kim**.

## B.A.D. Barbecue

On February 19, CATS and TRAP put



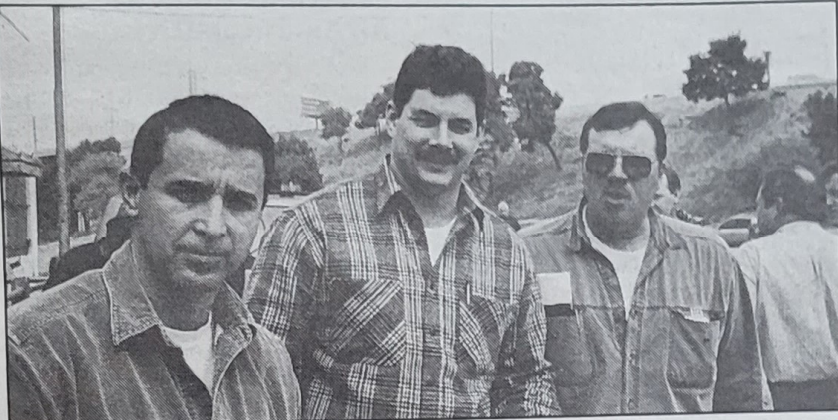
**Martinez (4/13), Joe Dyer (4/19), and Jim Battle (4/30).**

## Special Anniversary

I would like to wish my remaining classmates (Class of 3/74) congratulations on reaching our 25th anniversary on the LAPD. I can't believe that 25 years have already come and gone. Although we have problems within the Department, it's still a great place to work.

## Hidden Talents

A group of BAD's Detectives recently attended and completed the ICI Instructor's Workshop, which was held in San Diego. During the evening hours, after dinner the detectives adjourned to the lounge area of the restaurant. This particular evening was designated as Karaoke Night and several of these detectives decided to test their talents. The star of the evening was none other than Det. **Yvette Moreno**. Det. **Mike Lomeli**



together a barbecue at the CAT Box to honor retired D-III **Gil Hetrick**. Santa

tion, the suspect called the victim's mother and demanded \$150.00 for the victim's safe return.

Frantic to save her son, the mother drove to Rampart Station seeking help. Officer **Dikran Melkonian** recognized the gravity of the situation and immediately called for a unit to come to the station. Officers **Iris Santin** and **Thomas Harvey** interviewed the mother and family, briefed the Watch Commander and developed a tactical plan. Upon the successful execution of the plan, the suspect and weapon used in the crime were in custody. The young victim was returned unharmed to his mother.

## Fresh Meat!

Rampart welcomes Det. **J. Sheriff** from 77th, Sgt. **N. Aldana** from TRD, P-2 **G. Godfrey** from WLA, P-2 **M. Rojas** from CTD, P-2 **F. Garcia** and P-2 **J. Garcia** from N/E, and new probationers **L. Adutwum**, **L. Garrett** and **M. Vargas**.

## C-Ya!

Rampart regrets to announce the departure of Sgt. **Leonard Miller** to STD, P-3 **Nate Butcher** and P-3 **Edward Perez** to Metro, P-3 **Craig Adams** to S/E, P-2 **Asta Webster** to N/E, P-2 **Noel Magpoc** to S/W, P-2 **Michael Stalneck** to 77th and P-2 **Scott Murachver** to Dev. All are outstanding examples of Rampart Division. You will be missed.

## Climbers?

**Rick Ramos** is the new (D-3) in Rampart. Congratulations are also due **Lauren Rauch** and **Lorenzo Barbosa** on their promotion to Detective. **Douglas Larkin** is now a (P-3) at EODD, **Mark Guardado** is now a (P-3) in WLA, **Mike Bautista** from S/W picked up one of Ramparts (P-3) field

Maria Barbecue Company came out and prepared all the fixin's. Det. **Mike Perez** (Central TRAP team leader) ramrods the round-up and other CAT and TRAP members helped with the set-up. The turnout was real good and the chow was the best. I can't wait until we do it again.



BAD CAT Det.-III **Gil Hetrick** started the barbecues at the CAT Box and when **Gil** retired he passed the tongs and mitt to **Mike**. **Mike** held one barbecue and then decided it was easier to supervise a barbecue then to cook at one. Along with many of the current members of BAD attending, many of the retired BAD CATS returned. Capt. **Kyle Jackson** was excited about the barbecue but missed it because of some important admin duties. So he is asking for another barbecue, and I don't think anyone would object.

## Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday wishes go out to the following family members of BAD: **William Meares (3/12)**, **Cleo Guevara** and **Lou Koven (3/14)**, **Wayne Rorex (4/10)**, **Mike Woodings (4/12)**, **Frank**

sang country western style to the tune "Busted" and did a pretty good job, and then **Marc Zavala** did a tune or two. **Gilbert Escontrias** sang one of the main songs from the play **Phantom**. **Gil** did a good job, but **Michael Crawford's** job is still safe. The guys did well, but they better keep their day jobs.

## Holiday Wishes

Best wishes to everyone in April for the Easter and Passover Holidays. Don't forget to set your clock forward on April 4th as the Daylight Savings Time takes effect on Easter Sunday. This is a good opportunity to spend time with your children, set up an Easter egg hunt and send greeting cards to other family members. Visit or call your parents. You wouldn't be here without them.

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**Lauren Rauch** shows **Raul Lopez** how to pose for the camera.



**Jules Munoz, Todd Cataldi & Lino Santana** shooting the breeze.

crimes to pay for the debt owed by his brother. The young man protested but, in fear for his life, complied with the suspect's demands. After forcing the victim to commit a grand theft in the City of Alhambra, the suspect drove to Sunset Blvd. and Alvarado St. From that loca-

training officer spots. The remaining (P-3) field training officer spots went to Rampart Officers **Mike Lewis**, **Charles Claes**, **Ray Martinez**, **Clarence Mejia**, **Andy Lassak**, **David Roward**, **Dikran Melkonian**, **Sean Gomez** and **Juan Guerra**. Congratulations on your new assignments.



## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Cathy Hardy  
Metropolitan Division

Hello, hello, hello. Happy Easter, Happy spring! It has been quite busy around these parts. Semi-permanent day watch status, steady influx of new personnel, transfers, upgrades, the BIG race, party planning, audits, audits of the audits, and the code tens for ten! Phew! So, meanwhile, back at the ranch, here's the latest.

### Out With the Old

Congratulations to B teamer **Art Tom**. Art is joining the supervisory ranks and will enjoy a shorter commute to Club Dev, albeit in his P.O.V. We'll see you in Vegas!

### In With the New

Welcome to new platoon element members. At press time, platoon assignments were unavailable, but here is the list. **Vernon Williams**, **Chris Yzaguirre**, **Art Aguirre** (OK, that is right up there with Harper and Harpster), **Gary Thrall**, **Vanessa Loo**, **Jim McConnell**, **Mike Peters**, **Mark San-Clemente**, **Nathan Butcher**, **Ed Perez**, **Sean Mulford**, **Al Neal**, **Gary Copeland**, **Yvette Tuning**, and **Jose Pascual**. Congratulations to all.

### Star Movement

Congrats to the new assistant squad leaders. Star appointments were awarded to **Bob** (I'm going the right way now) **Donaldson** (A Platoon), **Dan Thompson** (B-Pltn), **Larry Bavaro** (B-Pltn), **C. C. Roberson** (C-team), and **Pete Zuniga** (C-team).

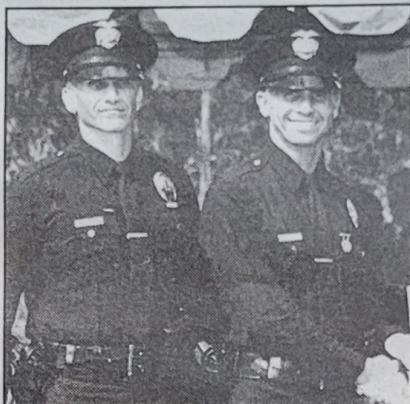
### Top Honors

Congratulations to SWAT Officer of the Year **Randy Simmons** and Sniper of the Year **Dan Skinner**. The honors were announced during the SWAT dinner held in February at the old Academia. The annual event was hosted by

All-Pro, former Cleveland Brown's linebacker, **Clay Matthews**. The gathering of alumnus and current crew included Chief **Bernard Parks** and former Chief **Daryl Gates**.

### Platoon Movement

Congratulations to **Rich Alba**. The former Mariachi B1 specialist is joining the 41-54 club and is stocking up on sharp utilities and other D-team apparel. **M. G. Weaver**, AKA MaryGrace Rivera, has found a home over at the barn and is now a member of the 114 cavalry. Back in action again is K9-6



Phil Shattuck #13153 and son, Jeff Shattuck #30337 - B-Team tradition continues.

**Rich Nagatoshi** and new partner **Arras**. Congratulations to newly certified K9 handlers K9-9 **Gina Holmstrom** and partner **Abreck**, and K9-12 **Ralph Spinello** and partner **Elvis**.

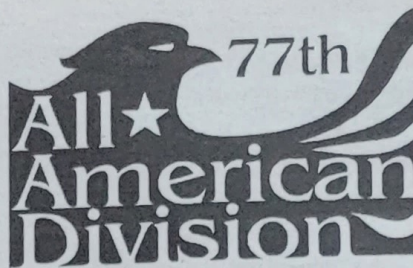
### Stork Delivery

Congratulations to the **McCarty** family. **Patrick** (A-Pltn) and wife **Priscilla** welcomed son **Ryan Patrick** on February 18th. Ryan weighed in at 8 pounds, 6 ounces. Ryan joins big sister **Sophia**. Mrs. McCarty happily reports it was a smooth delivery.

### Mark Your Calendars

Two upcoming events not to be missed. Saturday, May 8th is the annual Memorial Race to be held at Dockweiler Beach. Join us on Friday, May 14th at the Academia to honor and celebrate the retirement of **Charlie "Cuts" Duke**. Contact Metro Desk for ticket info.

I'll see you at the finish line.  
R-10 girl, clear.



by Maria Marquez  
77th Street Division

### Greetings from the All American Division

Well, if there wasn't enough good things to say about Sgt. **Aubrey Prince**, we still have more. Sgt. Aubrey Prince has been selected as the 77th Street Athlete of the Month by his peers. Aubrey has been an integral part of the 77th Street "Power Pigs" weight lifting team and has been an inspiration to all of those officers who participate. Aubrey took his own personal time to train various officers, in addition to maintaining his own work-out schedule. Aubrey was not only a participant, but also a great assistant coach. As you can see by the photo, Aubrey not only trained in building muscles with weights, he also made sure that his officers maintained a good nutrition program. Hurry home, sarge!

### M.M.Q.C.

That is the name of the 77th Street official "Monday Morning Quarterback

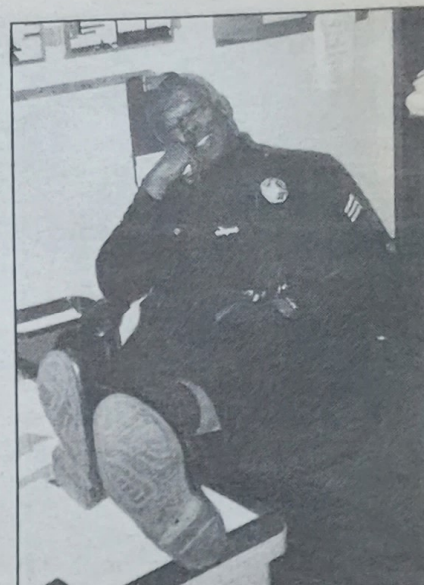


Sergeant Heim aka "Xena Warrior Princess" was presented a warrior sword by the P.M. watch. Officer David Shelton, one of her many knights made the presentation.

Club." It has become a morning ritual during football season in detectives to discuss the weekend's games over coffee. Lt. **Paul Von Lutzow** presented Det. **Marvin Carter** with his official "M.M.Q.C." award at his retirement party last month. Now the only "FAS-TRAC" Marvin has to worry about is what wide receiver has the fastest time on the track. See you during football season. Your coffee will be waiting, Marvin.

both was 8 pounds and 11 ounces, and according to her uncle Ara she is wearing the same flat top that her daddy wears. Congratulations and good luck!

Well, that about does it for the happenings in the All American Division. Be safe out there and remember: "If you chase after goals but forget 'your' heart, you will always be answering to someone else."



77th Watch Commander is what Sergeant Bill Driver calls the good life....

### Detective III Times Two

Congratulations to Det. **Tommy Sokarda** on his Det. III promotion. Tom replaces Det. **Carter** in Autos. This promotion has been a long time coming.

Det. **Angie Rivers** has been promoted to Det. III in Juvenile. Last time we checked, a Det. III outranked Sgt. II. (Sorry, Bob!) You go girl!

### Two Stripes Equals PIII

Congratulations to Officers **Catherine Fink**, **Osbaldo Ramos**, **Cornel Sandoz**, **Ara Hollenback**, and **Brad Hearn** on their new PIII promotions.

### Chins Up Gentlemen

Word had it that Officers **Mark Nee**, **Chuck Coleman** and **Andy Buesa** were practicing their "Metro nod" prior to leaving 77th! Good luck guys. Once again Metro becomes the winner!

### Angel News

Along with a PIII promotion, Officer **Brad Hearn** was promoted to "daddy" once again. But when this baby girl says that magic word, this PIII daddy will be doubletime. Brad and his wife, **Sandy**, became the proud parents of "Brooke Elizabeth" on February 25, 1998. Brooke Eliza-

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# VANNUYS Happenings

by Bob Rose  
Van Nuys Division

First and foremost, let's cover the really important things. Like babies. Baby Emily Schube, born December 4th at 1111 hours, and checking in at 5 pounds, 10-1/2 ounces. Mom is Annamarie Schube of Wilshire and our own Scott Schube. Then everyone's favorite, grandchildren, Ron Allen reports Jacob Tyler Smith, born September 14th and checking in at 8 pounds, 10 ounces, and 20 inches long. Daughter Michelle Smith and her husband, Eric are busy raising one fine kid for Ron to brag about. Ron is also bragging about his son inline skating from Ath-

ens, Georgia to the Atlantic, some 86 miles, finishing 31st out of 810 skaters. Son Scott Allen would have finished higher except he was a chip off the old block and took a wrong turn and had to play catch up. I know this is true, and Ron has been making wrong turns throughout his career.

The Hunters are at it again. This time Ron Carpenier reports a pig hunting trip and produced enough bacon to supply the entire Van Nuys area with breakfast for some time. Jim Rigney thinks Vernon is the hunting area that Ron picked, and a few of those porkers have Farmer John stamped on them.

Craig Kitchener wonders what is going on. He works like a dog for an entire year, hooking and booking, putting all sorts of bad guys in jail. Showing his fine tactics to all those recruits. Keeping out of trouble all the time while doing this good work. Quite a feat under today's criteria. For all this work, Van Nuys selects Craig as our Officer of the Year.

Usually this entails having your picture on the wall, a luncheon singing praises in your name, a handshake from

the brass, and a plaque with all of the above to hang on your wall. So far, nothing has materialized. All of us on Day Watch are about to chip in and give Craig a gift certificate to Starbucks so he will have something to brag about.



"Got Milk?!" Keith Klus and Dan Robinson.

Even a Polaroid photo on the wall. Have patience, I'm sure good things will happen, even if it takes until November to get it done.

Bruce Vermaat is still trying to glue our Baker-Vegas running team to-

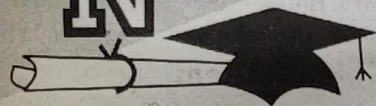
gether. He even threatened to use one very old yours truly. I hope we don't get that desperate. But if so, I guess it would not kill me to do this one more time. I'm not that old. OK, I am that old, but I can still run a bit. Anyway, Bruce deserves an attaboy for staying with it.

Do not think that I ever got around to mentioning that Randy Hoffmaster made Sergeant II. They really did not know what to do with him, so they found an office in the basement no one wanted, put him in it, and called him our training guy. Congrats anyway, Randy.

And, of course, our parking structure is still coming along. The lack of rain has really speeded things up. There may be hope that they finish before the station falls down.

Sgt. David Medof is sporting one of those neck braces. Seems he was practicing one of those luge things, but on wheels and a cement runway. He went astray about 40 miles an hour. A fitting demise for anyone who would try that sort of thing anyway.

## ACADEMY NEWS



by David Koeh  
Training Division

### Major Cities Chief Conference

On February 8, 1999, approximately 50 chiefs, sheriffs, and staff members from all over the United States attended a Major Cities Chief Conference at the Davis Training Facility at Granada Hills. Chief Parks and Training Divi-

arms instructor courses. Many firearms instructors attend outside agency schools, such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation School and the American Pistol Institute.

Recruit officers receive 94 hours of firearms training, which include the Beretta 92-F, shotgun manipulation, and revolver back-up weapons. Recruits are constantly learning how to use firearms in a safe manner.

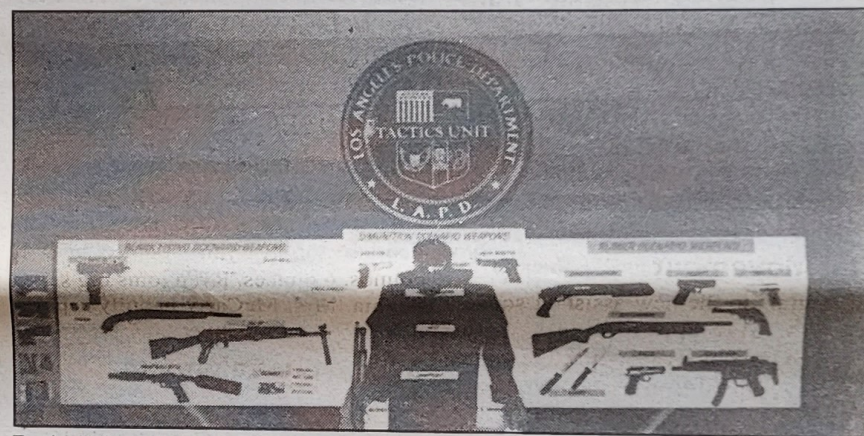
Every Department officer is required to qualify five times a year with a handgun and twice a year with the shotgun. In-service personnel currently have the option of carrying a .45 caliber Smith and Wesson or Beretta pistols. Urban Police Rifles, also known as AR-15s, have been deployed at patrol divisions.

Finally, the Firearms Training Unit completes evaluations on new products involving Department-approved fire-

### Promotions and Transfers

Sgt. Esquivel promoted to the rank of lieutenant. He transferred to Harbor Division. Officers Edgar and Morrisseau promoted to the rank of sergeant. Sgt. Edgar went to Wilshire and Morrisseau transferred to West L.A. Officer Rains promoted to

Sgt. Macarthur transferred to OMB Division. Officer Hennessey transferred to CED Division. Officer Bennett transferred to Devonshire Division. Officer Pascual transferred to Metro Division. And Officer Burrus is coming into Training Division from



Tactics Unit.



Members of the Firearms Training Unit.

detective and went to West Valley. Officer Donorovich promoted to detective and transferred to Narcotics Division.

Harbor Division. Congratulations to everyone and good luck to everyone!!



P.T./S.D. Unit.

sion personnel displayed training material that is used to train recruit officers at our academies. Members of the LAPD's and LASD's Special Weapons and Tactics teams demonstrated their hostage rescue procedures. It was a great opportunity for agencies to exchange information in training standards with one another.

### Firearms Training Unit

The Firearms Training Unit of Training Division has two locations from which training is given to both recruits, as well as in-service personnel. The site at the Davis Training Facility is used to train recruit officers. The location at Elysian Park is used primarily to train in-service officers.

All firearms instructors are required to complete two Department-developed and state Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) approved fire-

arms equipment. And the Pistol Teams of Training Division have won numerous awards worldwide. Many of these awards are in first place categories.

### Boston Marathon

On January 19, 1999, Officers Jim Marshall (Recruit Coordination Unit) and Kathy Weigel (Law Unit) participated in the San Diego Marathon. The run lasted 26.2 miles. Jim ran the marathon in three hours and ten minutes. Kathy finished it in three hours and thirty-five minutes. Both of them will participate in the Boston Marathon scheduled for April 19, 1999. Great job!!

### Baby Delivery

Sean (Southeast Patrol) and Ruby (Human Relations Training Unit) Malachi are the proud parents of Dominik Michael Malachi. Dominik was born in February of 1999 and weighed in at 7.1 pounds. Congratulations!

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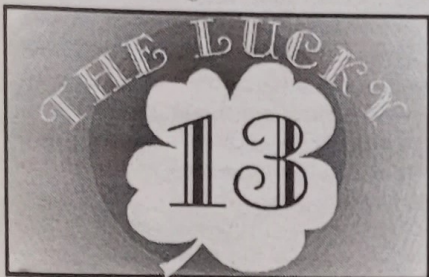
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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Gail Ryan  
Newton Division

Who says watching TV doesn't pay off? On January 26, 1999, Newton Patrol Officers **Wunder** and **Nunn** received information on the location of a suspect featured on "America's Most Wanted." They responded to a shelter at 3660 S. Hill St. Workers at the location had recognized a child molest/kidnap suspect and the victim checking into the shelter. Officers Wunder and Nunn took the suspect (age 24) and victim (13) into custody without incident. The suspect, who was to start trial on January 11, 1999, for multiple counts of child molest, was out on bail with a monitoring device when he took the victim from Tennessee. Officer Nunn and Wunder notified Tennessee authorities of the arrest and the Detective handling the case flew out to take the suspect back for his date with the judge. Media relations was also notified and arrangements were made to assist them and the staff of "America's Most Wanted" with footage at Jail Division. Thanks to this show and Newton Officers Wunder and Nunn, another dangerous felon was apprehended.

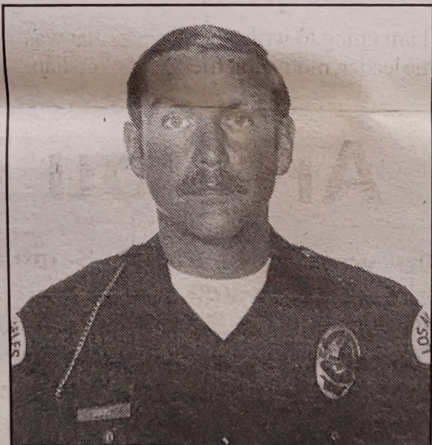
In another televised crime-related incident, Compton Police showed a suspect's picture wanted for a double homicide of two apartment security guards. An ex-Newton Officer recognized the suspect to be the same as one he had detained on 12/20/98 while responding to a shots fired call at an underground night club located at 53rd and Main Streets in Newton Division. Officers **Alvarado** and **Humphries** had patted this suspect down and discovered he was wearing a bullet-proof vest. The suspect informed the officers that he was on parole for murder. He was wearing a vest because he had been shot nine times in the past. The suspect's record was checked and proved to be negative, so he was released. Following a flurry of telephone calls after the TV viewing, the field interview cards were retrieved and the information on them led Compton Police detectives to a residence where the suspect was apprehended without incident.

PM Officer **Ted Morse** will think twice the next time he tries to break up a fight between two females. On January 25, 1999, Ted and his partner, Officer **Torres** responded to a radio call of "415 Women at 1002 E. 7th St. to see the desk clerk in the lobby of the Ford Hotel. He will direct to two females drinking and

fighting." When the officers arrived, they were told the women had been drinking and refused to leave. One had a new baby in a stroller, who was in the middle of the fighting. The officers told the women to cease and go to their separate rooms. One of the women quickly walked toward the officers and yelled, "You don't tell me what to do. I'm from Detroit." As the other woman yelled, "Peaches, just do what they say!" Peaches took a swing at the officers and they attempted to stop her. At which time she yelled, "I'm a karate expert. I'm gonna hurt you." The officers finally got her handcuffed and were leading her to the police vehicle when she locked her arms and legs and wouldn't enter the vehicle. Then the other woman bear hugged Peaches and tried to pull her away. And the fight was on. As Officer Morse pulled them apart, the first woman swung her head backward and head-butted Officer Morse with the back of her head, striking him in the center of his nose. And the other woman pulled out a knife. Help finally arrived and both suspects were taken into custody. And, Ted was taken to the hospital with a broken nose and a half inch cut under his left eye. When the swelling went down and he could see again, Ted had to go back to the hospital and have his nose rebroken and set properly. Ted is still home nursing his injuries. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Newton Officers also wish P3+1 **Wouter VonLutzow** a speedy recovery. He's home nursing a badly injured leg.

Newton Officers bade goodbye to Sgt. **Jon T. Wrich**, #20065. Jon retired on January 16, 1999. Jon joined the



Department on 4/17/73 after a tour of duty with the U.S. Marines from 3/67 to 3/71. He had also obtained the rank of sergeant with the Marines. During his time with the Department, Jon distinguished himself numerous times. He was even awarded the Police Star on 9/7/85 while working South Traffic Motors. It was during a routine traffic stop that went sour that a gun battle ensued injuring his partner. In light of his traumatic encounter with a well-armed gunman, his consideration and concern was for the safety of responding units, innocent bystanders and his

injured partner, Sgt. Wrich reacted instantaneously putting others before himself. For this he was awarded the Police Star. (The suspect expired at the scene.) Stop by the academy on May 7th and say goodbye to Sgt. Wrich. He's moving to Florida.

Newton Officers also bade farewell to P3 **Greg V. Johnson**, #17592. He retired on February 13, 1999. Greg



joined the Department on 6/12/72 after a tour of duty with the U.S. Marines. He was also a corporal with the Marines. He spent his entire police career at Newton earning numerous commendations. One commendation in particular was for helping an elderly victim escape from a flaming building. In an attempt to free the trapped victim, Greg went to the rear of the building and attempted to remove the bar from the window. After several attempts, and despite the intense heat and thick

and from there on out their guide, Rick Tamez, led the pack of would-be hunters. Carrying their own water, food, and rifles, the group followed their guide, Rick. With his nose to the ground (a trick he learned from his Indian ancestors), Rick led the hunters over beautiful and dangerous terrain for most of the day. At dusk the hunters, tired, dirty and empty-handed, returned to camp. Though they saw evidence of pigs, none had any luck bagging one. Up early the next morning, the hunters prepared for their 275-mile drive home, vowing to return next year. What a way to spend days off.

During the month of March, 1999, the Metropol Café presented Central Bureau "Land of the Cobra," a collection of recent paintings by Newton PM Watch Officer **Daniel J. Calderon**. A gifted artist in addition to being a police officer, Daniel presented all the proceeds from sales to The Police Memorial Fund.

And finally, Newton Officers were sad to learn of the death of retired Newton Sergeant 1 **Ranatto "Ray" G. Berloni**, #5698, on January 26, 1999. Ray, who was born October 9, 1916, joined the Police Department on June 28, 1948. Ray spent most of his career at Newton Division. As a young policeman he would visit all of Newton's schools as "Policeman Bill," teaching the children about safety. Prior to making sergeant, Ray worked the old "F" car (report car). He was so liked in the Division that for several years after his retirement, citizens would call the station requesting Officer Berloni handle



Avila, Tamez, Dadisho and Razo.

smoke, Greg was gradually able to pull the bars from the building. This created an escape route for the trapped victim who was then led to safety. Greg plans on doing some traveling, before settling in Montana.

February 18, 1999, marked the 1st annual Newton hunting trip to Fort Hunter Legget. Newton's finest, **Joe Avila**, **Steve Razo**, and **Rick Tamez**, along with **Ed Dadisho** (77th) and other civilian friends, drove the 275 miles to hunt wild pigs at a cost of \$28.50 each. Since the best time to find four-legged pigs is at first light, the group was up and out of their primitive camp (motorhome) at 0430 hours. They traveled by Jeep to their drop-off spot

their problems. In 1970, after being appointed sergeant, Ray was assigned to Newton's Community Relations Unit. Ray, along with Sam Conrad and then Newton Captain, Ted Morton, were instrumental in organizing the Newton Boosters Association (which was the first Boosters Organization within the Department). And, as a result of Ray's hard work, 29 years later, the Boosters are still in existence with a sports program that gives out over 800 food baskets and 10,000 toys to needy families. After 26 years of service to the citizens of Los Angeles, Sergeant 1 Ranatto "Ray" G. Berloni retired on June 30, 1974.

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# Eastern Horizon

by Ruben Rodriguez  
Hollenbeck Division

Baker to Vegas is once again upon us. For those of you that are running, I wish you a lot of luck. For those of you that are partying, may you return home safely.

## Get Well Wishes

It seems that ill health has befallen our good buddy, **Richard "Teddy Bear" Jimenez**. Rich spent some time in the hospital due to a sudden illness and is



Richard Jimenez being honored during Veteran's Day ceremonies last November.

now home recuperating. Richard, I just want to let you know that your Hollenbeck family is thinking about you and wishing you a speedy recovery. Hurry back, we miss you!

## Hollenbeck Sports

The Hollenbeck Basketball team has just concluded its season. The Hollenbeck hoopsters ended their year with a third place overall finish in the final standings. Congratulations to the round-abouts on a great campaign and we look forward to seeing them again next year. The softball season has just begun. Please come out and support your softball team as they make another run at the championship. Last, but not least, we wish the Hollenbeck Road Runners the best of luck as they attempt to obtain a "mug"



The Hollenbeck Basketball Team after another successful season.

finish at the annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay race.

## Disney Cruises

Day Watch AWC, Sgt. **Jose "Gato" Perez** would like to remind you all that seven-day Disney World Cruise packages are still available. The package consists of a three-day stay at Disney World, followed by a four-day cruise aboard a Disney ship. Prices are very reasonable and group rates are available. For more information, see Sgt. Perez in the Watch Commander's Office.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Sylvia Vielma** as she promotes to Sgt-II and moves on to Government Liaison. Congratulations go out as well to **Troy "The Ethiopian" Gaitan** as he promotes to P-3 and is now

assigned to Continuing Education Division. We also salute Det. **Bill Eagleason**, who is now a Det.-III. Dets. **Luis Corona**, **Marty Miyakawa**, and **Lou**



"Top Cops" Steve Morales and Frank Vega with their "Little" Boot.

**Parker** are now all Det.-IIs. Last, but not least, Officer **T. Perez** is now a Training Officer. Congratulations to all of you on your promotions and good luck in your careers.

## Welcome

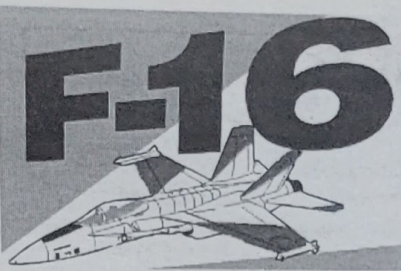
We extend a welcome and friendly hand to D-1 **F. Arroya**, who joins us from Southwest, where he was a P-3. We also say hi to D-2 **S. Smith**, coming to us via 77th. **Dan Jaramillo** returns to Hollenbeck after spending time at Hollywood Division. P-2 **E. Chavez** comes to us from Central, P-2 **Cesar Leal** returns to Hollenbeck from Newton, and P-2 **L. Garza** moves in from Southwest. We welcome you all to the great East Side.

## So Long ...

We bid farewell to **Gary Thrall**, who finally fulfills his dream of joining the elite, as he moves over to Metropolitan Division. We also say so long to **Steve Gross**, who will be big brother in the sky as he is now assigned to Air Support Division. **J. Garcia**, **E. Kim**, and **Hector Lomelin** are now all riding the buses at Transit Bus Division. We wish you all good luck on your respective new assignments.

## Que Paso

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, **Joe "Cantinflas" Ramirez**. See you all on the next round.



by Julian Almaraz  
Foothill Area

## Foothill Patrol

Well, I am back in patrol as an SLO and being surrounded by a lot of young officers. These officers are very pro-active in arresting the bad guys, which prey on the innocent, old, and the weak. Even with the negative 128 complaints in the air, these officers go out every day and night to look for the criminal elements that prey on this community. The new breed, which some call, still have the pride, integrity and guts that I had when I came on this job. I would like to say I am honored to be in the same roll call room with these young officers. This attitude is reflected by the leadership and supervision, which we work with in the division.

*"Just to be alive and to be of service to somebody is a reward."*

## Foothill Detectives

Lately our Homicide Detectives, led by D-3 **Frank Bishop**, **Gonzales**, **Gilgori-jevic**, **Broker**, **Orange**, **Martinez** and **Taylor** who are doing a great job on solving the crimes in the area, with a 150% clearance rate up to date. We also have an unsolved homicide unit led by Sgt. **Mark Aragon** and Officers **Pogue**, **Royal**, **Hoan**, and **Trask**, who have solved four old homicides.

*"Count your gains, instead of your losses."*

## Foothill Legends

I am going to write about a man that was a true leader, motivator, friend and Christian.

He was very loyal to all the officers he worked with. He guided all of them to promote in their field of expertise. When he retired in 1994, the biggest part of the job he was going to miss was the officers he worked with in the different assignments in his 25 years plus on the job. He cared and loved us all. He touched all of us with his humor, kindness and friendship. The best joke he had was when he was working vice. It was the wolverine in the caged box. He had big, giant men running out of the office screaming and some so scared they could not move. Thanks for the good times. *Sgt. II Carey Krebs passed away spring of 1997 due to cancer.*

*"Great People are able to do great kindness."*

## Maternity

Congratulations to Officers **Douglas** and **Amy Jones** for the birth of a baby boy, **Loren Richard Jones**, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, 19.5 inches long, born 3/2/99 at 1700 hours. God bless the new baby and parents.

Expecting mothers are: Officers **Mary Stephens**, and **Ginger Harrison**.

## Promotions

Congratulations to Officer **III Don Muniz** to Senior Lead Officer of A 89 the "Rock." Officer Muniz has worked this area for over seven years and he knows all the criminal offenders in the area. Good job.

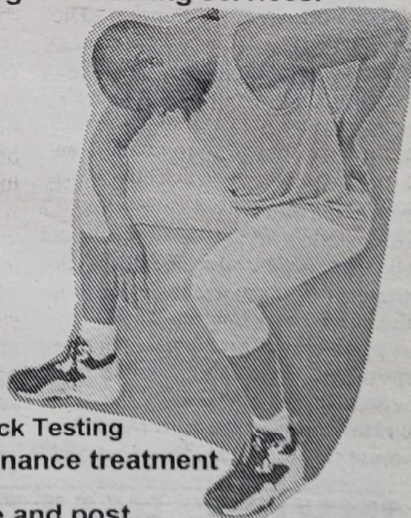
## Sports

Officer **Haley Smith** is one of the Baker to Vegas Team Captains for Foothill, and she has taken the responsibility personally. She has dedicated numerous hours to ensuring that the team has EVERYTHING it needs and she has gone above and beyond by charting the course out and showing the altitudes and grades for each leg. In this writer's 15-plus years, I have never seen anyone do so much for so little recognition. Thanks, Haley, for the outstanding job.

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# SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext 800.

## Metro Seeks to Repeat as Champs at Baker to Vegas Relay, April 10-11

by Lew Snow  
LAPRAAC Sports Editor

Runners from Metropolitan Division are getting in last minute, down-to-the-wire training in an attempt to become only the second LAPD team to repeat as winners of the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. If successful, Toy Beard's squad will join Training/Air Support Division and the LASD Central Jail's Sherminators as the only teams to win back-to-back races. (C.J., of course, holds the race record with four straight wins.)

This year's relay, to be held April 10-11, will boast the participation of Attorney General Bill Lockyer at a number of race events, including the post-race awards ceremony at the Rio Hotel and Convention Center in Las Vegas.

Over 210 teams will answer the starter's gun on Saturday, April 10, along a lonely stretch of State Highway 127 some 18 miles outside of the tiny desert hamlet of Baker. Twenty-nine LAPD and 32 LASD teams have entered the race, which is split into 10 categories: open (no restrictions), mixed (five or more females), women, 800 (total age of team is 800 years or more), 300 (agencies with 151-300 sworn), F300 (federal agencies), 150 (agencies with 100-150 sworn), 99 (agencies with 99 or fewer sworn), stations, and invitational (can include non-sworn personnel).

LAPD teams entered are: *Open Category*—Metro Red, Metro Blue, Narcotics Group, Reserves, Transit Group; *Mixed Category*—Central/CTD/OCB, Devonshire, Harbor, Hollywood, North Hollywood, Northeast, Pacific/WTD, Rampart, Southeast, Southwest, South Traffic, West L.A.; *Invitational*—Communications: DARE; 800—ASD/Training, Parker Center, Retired; *Stations*—Foothill, Hollenbeck, Newton, 77th Street, Van Nuys, West Valley, Wilshire.

Since its inception in 1985, when Officers Chuck Foote (ret.) and Larry Moore (ret.) charted a course for 17 teams to brace in the desert heat and mountain cold, the race has grown geometrically to where it has become one of the largest relays in the world.

Over 10,000 participants (including support personnel) will descend upon the communities of Baker (home of the "Bun Boy" and the world's largest thermometer), and Las Vegas under

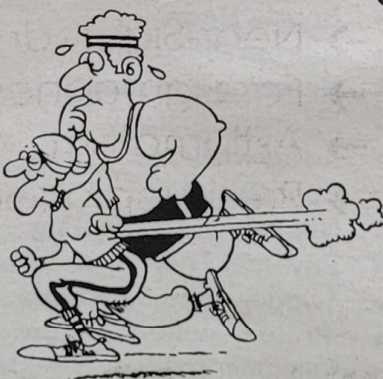
weather conditions that have ranged from searing heat to driving rain and fierce winds to snow (the 1987 race ended early due to heavy snowfall).

Baker and Shoshone (combined population of 500—unless you add dogs and cats) are overrun by hordes of law enforcement personnel and supporters who spend tens of thousands of dollars on gas, food, lodging and supplies. For residents of these two tiny desert pitstops, the Challenge Cup Relay is the equivalent to hosting the Super Bowl.

Runners tackle a route that is difficult for cars, much less humans on foot. Starting in the middle of nowhere on Highway 127 they face an unforgiving course: 120 miles of dirt shoulder and asphalt, undulating up and down the dunes like a roller coaster until Shoshone (blink and you'll miss it), then straight up the mountains into Pahump. After a brief stretch of flat running, the billygoats take charge for a climb to over 7,000 ft. elevation at Mountain Springs Summit. The survivors descend 3,500 ft., braving gravity and dark winding mountain roads with speeding traffic and railroad crossings, to the flashing neon of the Las Vegas Strip.

Post-race festivities will take place Sunday afternoon, April 11, at the Rio Hotel and Convention Center on the west side of Las Vegas. "Official" after-race parties were still being planned as of our print deadline. Information will be available on the Sports Beat Info Line, (323) 221-5222, ext. 800. If you can't make the race, a full line of Challenge Cup t-shirts, caps, jackets and other souvenirs, will be available at the Academy and RTC stores.

We'll have complete results, along with photos and a wrap-up article, in the June issue of *The Thin Blue Line*.



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- 1st heavyweight (190-219), 1st super HW (220-250+)
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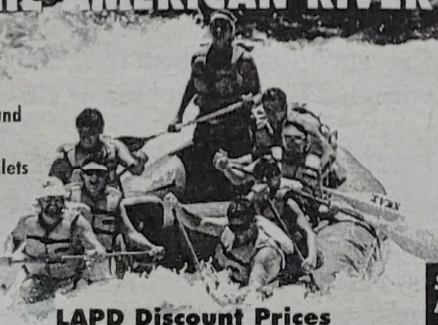
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## L.A. Bullets Organization Continues Winning Ways

by Tom Wich

The L.A. Bullets #1 team continued their winning ways. On Saturday, February 6th, the #1 team played the elite L.A. City & County Fire Dept. team at the L.A. Forum prior to the Kings game. This is the second year that the L.A. Kings have sponsored this game with the proceeds going to each department's memorial fund. This was a very hard fought/physical game with the Bullets prevailing 6 to 3. We would like to thank the new hockey fans, particularly the Rampart and S/E bunch, that came to the game and gave us a boost with their "loud" enthusiastic support. By the way, this is the second year in a row that the Bullets have won this game.

This past Presidents/Valentines weekend both Bullets teams and the LAPD Blues (our novice team) participated in the LEAF Police and Fire Fighter tournament held at the Anaheim Mighty Ducks practice facility. The #1 team played in the A division while our other two teams played in the B division. This tournament was played in memory of the four Corona Fire Fighters that tragically lost their lives in a plane crash last month.

The #1 team went 5-0 over the four days beating Delta, Vancouver, BC, PD 6-3, Southbay Fire Fighters 12-2, and the Gunslingers (Orange County law enforcement) 7-5. We then beat the San Diego Sheriffs 7-1 in the semi-finals placing us into the finals against the other undefeated team, a law enforcement/civilian team sponsored by Bud-Ice. (The three civilians are ex-pro players.) This game was a real nail biter. The score was 1-1 going into the third period. With approximately 4 minutes to play, LAPD

Sgt. Tim Surette, Devonshire patrol, fired a blistering slap shot from just outside the blue line beating the goalie on his globe side for the game-winning goal. This game could have gone the other way had it not been for the outstanding play of our goalie Officer Jeff Quinland, Pacific/LAX patrol. Jeff earned the number one star of this game for his fantastic play and now goes by the nickname "The Wall."

The Bullets #1 team won this tournament by playing as a team; however, there is one player that stood out above the rest. Officer Frank Kenney, 77th Patrol, was not only the leading scorer

Anaheim Heat (Anaheim Fire Dept). The score was 3-3 after regulation play forcing a shoot-out to decide the winner. The Heat prevailed and won the shoot-out 2-1. Based on their outstanding performance, the LAPD Blues finished in third place (out of eight teams). Too bad they lost the game. They would have played the Bullets #2 team in the finals. The #2 team entered the finals with 3 wins and 1 tie. The game against the Heat was another hard fought/tough game with the Heat eventually winning 3-2.

A special congratulations goes out to the Bullets #2 player Det. Tony Ma-

like to thank the department and Protective League for their support. The #1 team would also like to thank John Cas-



L.A. Bullets #2 Team.

of the tournament, he was also named the tournament MVP. Hopefully we can keep up our winning ways when the team plays in this month's International Police Winter Olympics in Vancouver, BC.

Congratulations go out to our two other teams. The LAPD Blues went undefeated and lost in the semi-finals to

nente, OVB Narco, on being named the MVP defenseman for the B division.

All three teams are to be congratulated for an outstanding tournament. The teams played hard and earned the respect of their opponents. we would



Det. Tony Manente, Defenseman MVP, B Division.

sotta and Armored Transport Inc. for their sponsorship of our team for this tournament. We would finally like to thank all our fans that have supported us all year. For those of you that would like to join our organization, please contact Matt Jaroscak ASD, Dennis Gilbert at the Bomb Squad or Lori Real, WTD. We are always looking for new (and old) players of every caliber.

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# SPORTS BEAT

## Sports Roundup

### Slo-Pitch Season Now Underway

Following a pre-season tournament held on St. Patrick's Day (March 17), the 1999 LAPD Slo-Pitch Season got underway the week of March 29.

Leagues were still forming as of our press deadline, but it appears the crush of teams will again require formation of four leagues (Central, North, South, and Valley). League play will continue through mid-June followed by the Red Davis Tournament to determine this year's king of the hill.

Seeking to repeat as Red Davis Tournament champions is Rampart, winner five out of the last six years. Fort Apache went undefeated in 1998 to reclaim the title it lost to Van Nuys the year before.

For up-to-date information on league schedules, call the Sports Beat Information Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

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### Bench Press Applications Available

Entry forms should be available shortly for the upcoming Spring Bench Press Competition, slated for May 28 in the Academy Gym. Things should be pretty exciting this time around as Football has tossed down the gauntlet to defending champion 77th Street and is threatening to "kick their porcine butts all over the gym."

Forms will be available at the Elysian Park Academy and RTC locker rooms, all division weight rooms, or by calling the Athletic Department Secretary at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219.

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### Is There a Biathlon in Your Future?

Athletic Director Tony Adler and his staff are researching the possibility of holding a Biathlon on Saturday, June 5. If you're interested in participating, let

Adler know by calling (323) 221-5222, ext. 218.

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### Southeast Captures Flag Football Crown

Seven LAPD teams faced off at Glassell Park on February 13 with one goal in mind... the covered bragging rights as LAPD's best flag football team. Players from Devonshire, Hollywood, Northeast, Rampart, Southeast, Transit Group and West L.A. took to the gridiron in a double-elimination tournament that ran the gamut from blowouts to single point wins.

After the first five rounds, only Northeast, Rampart and Southeast stood undefeated, and ready for the playoffs held February 20 at the Ribet Academy (just up San Fernando Road).

In the first game, Southeast and Rampart fought tooth and nail, with Southeast winning 14-12 to throw Fort Apache into the losers bracket to face Northeast. The home turf advantage was just too much for Rampart to overcome, with Northeast winning 20-12 to gain the "Super Bowl" match against Southeast. But Southeast's players rose to the occasion, easily winning 38-12 to claim the LAPD title.

Congratulations to coach Darin Upstill and his squad (C. Anderson, Mike Crowe, Brian Danskin, Patrick Flaherty, Frank Hale, Dominick Iasparro, Mario Rios and Kelly Sandell) on a job well done. Based on the response, plans are now underway to schedule league flag football play starting in the fall. For more information, contact the Athletic Director's office at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219.

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### Flag Football Results

Hollywood - 32, West L.A. - 0; Devonshire - 26, Transit Group - 2; Rampart - 34, Northeast - 8; Southeast - 32, West L.A. - 0 (out); Hollywood - 18, Devonshire - 14; Northeast - 34, Transit

Group - 6 (out); Southeast - 22, Hollywood - 12; Rampart - 18, Devonshire - 6 (out); Northeast - 23, Hollywood - 22 (out); Southeast - 14, Rampart - 12; Northeast - 20, Rampart 12 (out); Southeast - 38, Northeast - 12.

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### DARE Knocks Off Parker Center to Win LAPD Basketball Title

Parker Center's dream of six straight LAPD basketball championships was shattered when an upstart DARE team, coached by Kenny Lew, pulled off the upset of the decade to win the Captain Al Nelson Tournament in late February.

DARE, 6-2 in league play, was knocked into the loser's bracket near the end of the tournament and was forced to twice face perennial champion Parker Center. The Admins, sullied only once in league play and undefeated so far in the tournament, looked like a sure bet to make six their lucky number. After all, hadn't they pulled a rabbit out of their hats a number of times to remain as king of the hill?

With one tournament loss already under their belts, DARE knew its next mistake would be its last. They had struggled against Parker Center in the past, but this time DARE was up to the challenge. In the first game they beat Parker Center by double-digits to force a winner-take-all face-off for the department title.

In the final game, DARE hit the court running and never looked back. They opened up an early 12-point lead, then played cat-and-mouse with Parker Center the rest of the game. The closest the Admins got was three points, but it wasn't enough, and there's now a vacant spot in the trophy case over on Los Angeles Street.

Congratulations to the DARE team, consisting of Craig Burns, Jerome Divinity, James Edwards, Adrian Ferns, Sterling Gordon, Mark Horton, Anthony Jackson, Deon Montgomery and Edgar Palmer.

Over the "B" League Tournament Metro Division staked its claim to as LAPD's longest running active basketball dynasty by winning its fourth consecutive championship. Hollenbeck took the bridesmaid position and Northeast finished third.

Narcotics Group, undefeated in league play, continued its domination of the "C" League by easily winning that league's tournament, defeating Southeast and harbor for the title.

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### Northeast Wins Second Straight Intradepartmental Golf Tourney

In some of the closest play on any course, the Northeast #1 squad combined for a low net of 314 to claim a second straight win for the station in LAPRAAC golf competition held Friday, February 19, at Griffith Park. (Northeast's #2 squad captured the first tournament of the season in November.)

Only one stroke in net play separated the top four teams, with West Valley, Wilshire and Southeast #1 filling out the top five teams. Robbery Homicide had some great scores but was unable to verify one of its player's handicaps for team play.

Officer Eric Drescher (WLA) again claimed the individual low gross score, taking 77 strokes to complete the course. However, this time around Drescher also came in with the individual low net (his eight handicap reducing his score to 69).

The next tournament of the season is slated for Friday, April 23, with an 1100 tee-time at Ranch Park in West Los Angeles. Look for flyers and applications at all divisions and the Academy.

There are five more events to be played this year so there's still time for units to get their teams together. To compete for the trophy each member must have a handicap registered with the U.S.G.A. or any other official golf association, and must be a member of LAPRAAC.


For more information, contact the LAPD Athletic Director's office at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219.

### Four-Person Teams

	Gross	Hndcp	Net
Northeast #2	359	45	314
West Valley	382	67	315
Wilshire	385	69	316
Southeast #1	374	57	317
Southeast #2	430	92	338


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**Sports Beat Info Line:**  
(323) 221-5222, ext. 800.




**NEWTON POLICE AND BOOSTERS**

5th Annual Golf Tournament  
**"Golf For Kids"**



**BENEFIT**

Sponsored By: Newton Boosters Association




**Brookside Golf Course**

18 Hole Shotgun Start 1 p.m.  
(Check-In 11:30 A.M.)

Brookside Golf Course is located at  
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in Pasadena, CA  
(626) 585-3598

From Downtown Los Angeles: Take the 5 fwy North to the 605 fwy North to the 210 fwy West. Exit at Seco and go left on Seco to Rosemont Ave. Turn right on Rosemont Ave. and the course will be located on the left hand side of the street just past the Rose Bowl.

April 30, 1999 Entry Fee \$100.00 per person  
Cost Includes: Golf Cart, Dinner and Goodies Bag  
Deadline: April 23, 1999  
for more information call: Sgt. Al Gomez or Ofc. Prue Wright (213) 846-6504



•Hole In One Prizes•  
(On Selected Holes)

**1999 Automobile Door Prizes**

•Tee Prizes•  
Longest Drive  
Closest To The Pin  
Individual Trophies  
For Each Division

## Police Rodeo Season Now Underway

By John Weaver

By the time you read this article we will have completed our first event of the season, the Hesperia Rodeo on March 27-28. The next National Police Rodeo Association event will be held May 1-2 in Las Vegas, at the Horseman's Park behind Sam's Town.

Although it is a sanctioned NPRA rodeo the event is also sanctioned by other police rodeo associations. It should a great rodeo and Vegas is always fun.

If you have not experienced rodeo, please come out and watch. We have a great time and anyone can compete. You don't need experience... not even a horse! We have events that don't require these... only a little desire to have fun and compete.

For further information, contact our Rodeo Secretary at (760) 244-4646. Remember, peace officers, firefighters and their immediate families are eligible.

### UPCOMING RODEOS

May 1-2	Las Vegas Rodeo
May 30-31	Ventura Rodeo
July 3-4	Big Bear Rodeo (tentative)
August 21	Nevada Police Olympics (Las Vegas)
Sept. 18-19	Simi Valley Rodeo
Sept. 25	Chino Rodeo
October TBA	NPRA Finals Rodeo



## First Annual "Sgt" Andy Voge Memorial Golf Tournament

May 21, 1999, Friday

TIME: 1200 Hrs.

LOCATION: Elkins Ranch Golf Course,  
1386 Chambersburg Road, Fillmore, CA 93015

Proceeds from the tournament will be used to benefit Andy's two young children. There will be a bar-b-que dinner following the golf tournament. You are invited to attend the dinner even if you do not play in the golf tournament.

### GOLF TOURNAMENT:

- Prizes
- 1st Place Low Gross
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Calloway Blind Draw
- Closest to Pin on Par 3's
- Longest Drive

Door prizes will be awarded during the bar-b-que dinner. The tournament will be a shot gun start. You may select your own playing partners or you will be placed into a foursome.

**COST:** Golf/Cart/Dinner - \$75.00  
Bar-B-Que Dinner - \$25.00  
(Donation included in the cost)

**BAR-B-QUE TIME:** 5:00pm

### CONTACT:

Det. Ron Phillips, WLA Dets (310) 575-8408  
Lt. Jim Markloff, WLA Dets (310) 575-8441



## Applications Now Available for 21st Annual Memorial Run, May 8

Officers **Filbert Cuesta** (Southwest) and **Brian Brown** (Pacific), who lost their lives while protecting those of the citizens of Los Angeles, will be honored at the 21st Annual LAPD Memorial Run and Relay, to be held at Dockweiler Beach in Playa del Rey on Saturday, May 8.

Race Coordinator Rick Massa and Athletic Department Secretary Debbie Moeller were putting finishing touches on plans for the day at our press deadline. It is anticipated that special games and attractions for children, entertainment, food, a post-race meal, the traditional drawing for prizes donated by LAPD supporters, and displays by SWAT, Air Support and Mounted Unit will once again highlight the event.

If the weather cooperates, runners will be inspired by the froth of waves hitting the white beach sands, the smell of fresh ocean air, and the deafening roar of planes taking off from LAX (seemingly every 10 seconds).

For those unfamiliar with the race, there are three events. At 0815 there is a one-mile fun run for children age 12 and under, utilizing the bike path adjacent to the beach. The 5K individual run goes off at 0845, using the bike path for about two kilometers, taking a short dog leg into a residential area, and then a sharp U-turn back to the finish line. At 0945 the 25K relay begins using the same course as the 5K. The "official" part of the ceremonies (helicopter fly-by, LAPD Color Guard, prayer service, remarks by Chief Bernie Parks, and the national anthem) will be held just before the start of the 25K relay.

Entry fees are \$10 for the fun run, \$20 for the 5K, \$100 per team for the 25K. While the fun run and 5K are open to all comers (including non-sworn personnel), the 25K relay is open to LAPD unit/divisional teams in nine groupings. Added this year is the "invitational" category, which allows teams of full-time LAPD employees who are not "worn" to compete for the first time ever. The other categories (limited to "sworn" personnel) are: open, females, mixed (at least two females), senior (over 40 years of age), masters (combined age over 200 years), golden masters (combined age over 225), 200 lb. (each runner's weight at or over that mark), supervisors (sergeant/detective and above). All race participants will receive a multi-colored t-shirt. All runners will qualify for a drawing to be held for numerous prizes donated by supporters of the race.

To enter the race, fill out the adjacent application and mail (along with a check payable to LAPRAAC) to LAPRAAC, P.O. Box 861148, Los Angeles, CA 90086-1148. Applications can also be sent via intradepartmental mail to: Tony Adler, LAPD Athletic Director, Continuing Education Division, Stop #412; or they can be submitted on race day (late registration starts at 0700 but there is no guarantee of receiving a t-shirt).

Dockweiler Beach is located at the western terminus of the Century Freeway/Imperial Highway, and there is plenty of room to make plans for an all-day family outing. Race packages (including bibs and t-shirts) should be picked up one week prior to the race. For more information, contact Moeller at (323) 222-5222, ext. 219.

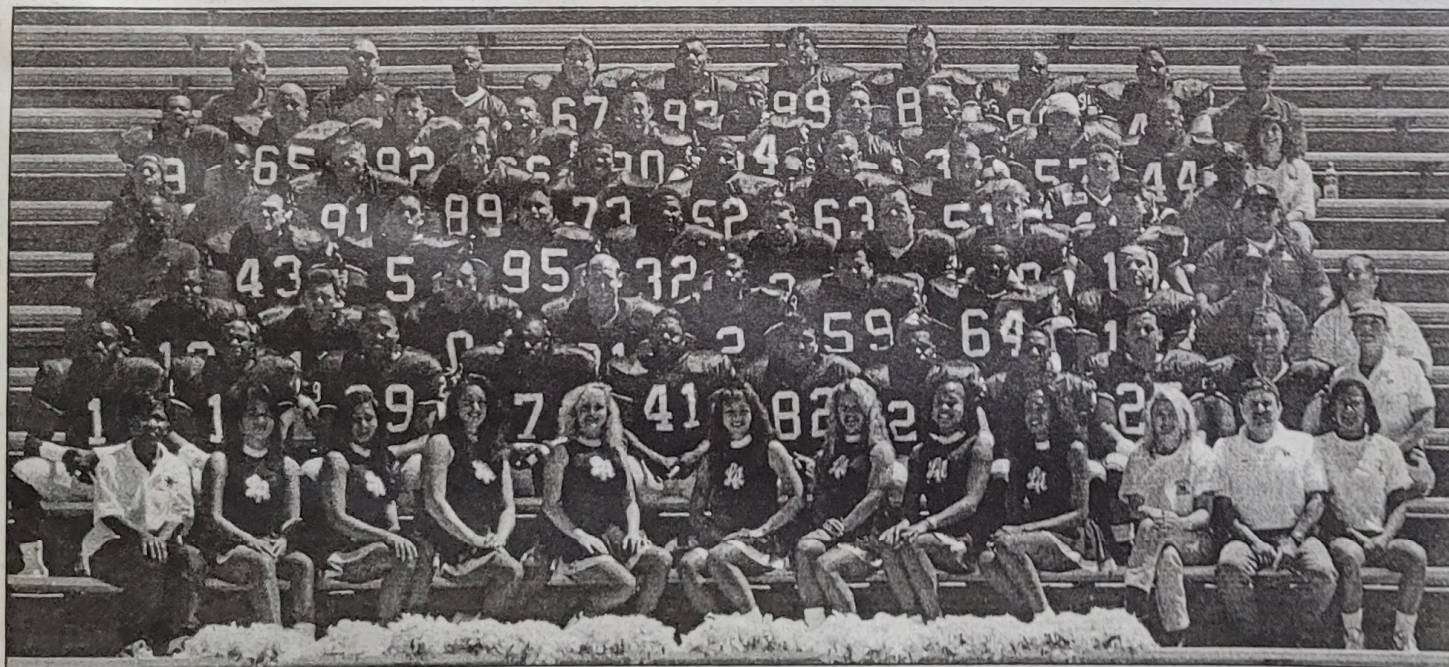
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(27)	MARCH 20, 1999	VS	SOUTHBAY (Away)	(0)
	APRIL 3, 1999 at 5 PM	VS	SAN DIEGO (Home)	
	APRIL 17, 1999	VS	HOUSTON (Away)	
	MAY 1, 1999	VS	TO BE ANNOUNCED	
	MAY 16, 1999 at 2 PM	VS	L.A. HEAT (Away)	

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# RETIREMENT NEWS



The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

## Sacramento Area Blue Line Association

by Bernie Remas

All of us here in the Sacramento area have managed to slosh through all the winter rains and cold. Now it's April and time to get out and sniff the early flowers, put some of that tax return money in your pocket, and come to a SABLA luncheon. When you're reading this, if it's before April 8th, then you're not too late to make this month's luncheon at the Palomino Restaurant at Watt & El Camino in Sacramento. There's your chance to get out of the house, and come hear former LAPD'er **John Powers** be our guest speaker. All of us would be glad to see you!

In February we had our own SABLA guy, **Jim Meskan**, as the guest speaker. But you know what? We made him pay for his own lunch! Whatta guy! Jim brought his own "dog & pony" show! He had a videotape and brought his own machine to show the tape. He had handouts for all and answered questions from the floor. Jim's now representing "Reward Wall Systems," and if you are going to build anything that has walls, call Jim. Instead of using wood framing, his company will show all the advantages of using something else. It was good seeing another LAPD'er doing well at something else! Most of us

are so talented, that we can do many, many other things!

Talk about paying for their own lunch—**Mike Brandt**, **Roy Kerton**, **Justin Dyer**, **Bill Wilhelm** and **Chuck Ward** paid for their own too. At least, I think they did.

Also there were **Chuck Crawford**, **Bob Tucker**, **Ed Lewandowski**, and **Bill & Muriel McMonagle**. They always pay their way.

The gang from Sun City Roseville—**Hank Seret**, **Chuck Long**, and **Hal White** paid. Did you? Hal tells me that he is contemplating more back surgery. More decisions to come.

Which reminds me about **Ed Slatery** of Parker, AZ, who was here in February. Back in Parker he calls the numbers every week for a senior's bingo game! And they play for money! Now you gotta be good to do that, right Ed?

I did forget to mention that **Steve Tilden** is back from the south—California that is! He didn't say, but I guess he made another million dollars and came back to SABLA! Sooner or later it seems like they all come home. Welcome back to **Steve** and **Mary Guthrie**. We missed you and we missed your banjo playing at the last BBQ!

If you haven't been here for a while, c'mon back. Anytime!

And speaking of BBQ, we have a "Spring Fling" BBQ for your social calendar—this time in the Eastern part of our sphere of influence! The "Fall Classic" is always in the West—at the Kiser's home and vineyard in Sonoma. This will be an outside event where you can breathe some clean, fresh air, while just taking it easy, and everything else is done for you. Except you do have to bend an elbow—your choice which one!

It's Saturday, May 15, 1999. SABLA is having an outdoor picnic and BBQ. . . mmmmm good! This will be near Placerville inside the gated community of Greenstone, on private property in a private area called "Barn by the Lake." This is one of those events when you can "kick back" and do nothing but eat BBQ, or play horseshoes (game for active seniors)—Ron Kiser, take note—or volleyball (game for more active seniors), or sit under a shade tree and continue eating until you bust! The food will be catered: pork spareribs, BBQ chicken and beef, 3-4 different salads, BBQ beans, all for \$16! What a deal! The SABLA treasury will provide soft drinks. However, you'll have to BYOB any "spirited" drinks. We'll start about 12 noon, with the food service to begin around 2:00 p.m.

So those of you that made New Year's resolutions and have been religiously dieting since January 1st, this is your chance to "fall off the wagon" for one day! So c'mon. Make plans. Call Hoy Key with your name and how many you're bringing! Hoy will gladly

take your money. You can send it and/or write to us at P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento, CA 95860-0353.

On March 11, 1999, we had been promised a speaker from the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy of Sacramento. Chaplain Mindy Russell was our guest speaker, and if you weren't there you really missed an excellent speaker. This law enforcement chaplaincy group is extremely active in the Sacramento area in assisting law enforcement personnel and their families in times of need. In the Sacramento area recently, there was a Sacramento police officer shot and killed on a traffic stop by a California parolee—and the gun control "nuts" just don't get it, do they—and a horrible freeway traffic accident where a female Sacramento deputy sheriff was killed. Both incidents needed the assistance of this chaplaincy group.

In February I did see **Nate Iannone** and **Ray Lauritzen** talking to the Travel Guru **Bob Keel**!! I wonder what they were talking about?? **Mario Gregoire** was also listening in. Must have been a good conversation! Oh well. There'll be something next month.

If you can't make it to one of our monthly luncheons on the second Thursday of the month, write to us at P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento, CA 95860-9353. We just love getting letters. We'll find someone with good eyesight to read your letter to all!

Be good to each other out there. We need and love each and every one of you.

## Because Your Life May Depend On It ...

You can now get the information you need to make sure you're in top physical condition and not worry about the cost. This year there's a new and valuable benefit to Los Angeles Police Retirement Association (LAPRA) active members who have chosen Blue Cross of California Prudent Buyer (PPO) as their health plan. If you're among that group, you're entitled to an annual comprehensive health and fitness evaluation at Centinela Hospital's Fitness Institute. Valued at \$950, this benefit is provided with no out-of-pocket cost to you.

This evaluation, which goes beyond the standard mix of x-rays and blood tests, is supervised by a physician board certified in preventive medicine who performs an all-inclusive physical examination, which includes:

- Cardiovascular health testing with a treadmill stress test
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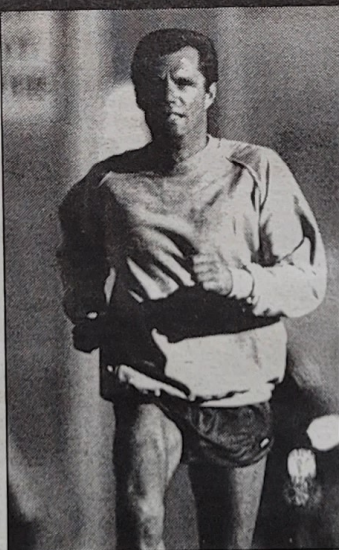
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Retirement Fiesta for "El Profesor"  
**Sgt. II Ruben Padilla #16144**  
**Friday, May 7, 1999**

Cantina: 5:00pm / Comida: 6:30pm  
Grace Simons Lodge - Elysian Park

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\$20.00 per  
Boleto

Contact the Spanish Unit at  
Ahmanson Training Center  
(310) 342-3041

NOTICE!!!

## NOTICE!!! Retired Fire and Police Survey

All interested Retirees in pursuing a Pension change for surviving spouse. This survey will indicate how many retired members are interested in obtaining a change in the system, where by your present spouse will be entitled to your Pension, if you have remarried.

A committee has been formed to go forward, if we receive enough response. Write or call Jack Horrall, Committee Chairman, at 1006 Southern Hills Drive, Banning, CA 92220 or phone (909) 845-2193.

Committee members, Dick Green, Jerry May, Bill Lietz, Keith Fishburne (F), Don Woodburn, and Al Balderama.



## Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next meeting will be on April 21, 1999, at "The LAMPLIGHTER" Restaurant, located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. The start time is flexible and some arrive at 10:30 a.m. However, most try and arrive by 11:00-11:15. We meet in the room adjacent to the BAR LOUNGE. A special lunch menu will be available. Our meetings are very informal and most of the time is spent visiting with old partners and with new attendees.

We had 40 at the February 17, 1999 meeting with 6 who had not attended any of our previous luncheons. The attendees were **Don Barnett (7433)**, **John Becker (5059)**, **Barney Boronich (3861)**, **Jerry Bruno**, **Betty Carr (3298)**, **Ted Debs (6808)**, **Gene Dillon (3411)**, **Emmett Drennen (3279)**, **Vince Dunn (4980)**, **Ed Elliott (4703)**, **Hilliard (Curly) Elliott (4534)**, **Ray Elmer (5607)**, **Clinton Erickson (5608)**, **Bill Feddersen (4823)**, **Dave Fender (7056)**, **Bob Fritz (4583)**, **Mel Harner (4501)**, **Ray Hess (4991)**, **Lucile Hess**, **Glen Kailey (3503)**, **John Kepke (4603)**, **Bob Kjoerlein (5635)**, **Don Lyon (6575)**, **Borin Meneghelli (3522)**, **George Moore (10565)**, **Lou Netza (7655)**, **Joe Nieznalski (5015)**, **Les Nolte (10821)**, **Ray Palaszewski (6934)**, **Ben (3190)**, and **Joyce Reineke**, **Dale Rickards (3593)**, **Guy Schlotzhauer (2804)**, **Dustain Splaine (7183)**, **Stu Stremsterfer (4394)**, **Mel Tousseau (3270)**, **Earl Wells (6297)**, **Rose Wever (6418)**, **Marion Yates**, and **Dick Young**

(10585). The following were in attendance for the first time: **Jerry Bruno** was the guest of **Mel Tousseau**, **Vince Dunn**, **Ray** and **Lucile Hess** from Tigard, OR, **Dave Fender** from Pine, CO, and **George Moore**. Ray and Lucile Hess attended our annual BBQ in 1996 as did George Moore in 1997.

I would like to compile a narrative history of the VALLEY RETIRED BLUES. I have some attendance sheets of the group I received from **Mildred Davis** (John's widow) starting in 1986. The lists do not cover all of the months each year to the present time. I have a list of attendees since 1995. I am aware of the group meeting at Billingsley's on Odessa Ave. in the early '80s. I also understand the group met at some restaurant on Ventura Blvd. prior to Billingsley's. I would appreciate any information from anyone attending these early get-togethers to send any details you can recollect as to DATES, LOCATION, and NAMES. I think the group started to meet at The LAMPLIGHTER in 1985. Send any information to me at 23441 Aetna St., Woodland Hills, CA 91367-3128.

I am repeating the above paragraph from the last issue in the event some of you who may have attended lunches prior to 1985 did not catch the last issue. I compiled a list of those names from attendance sheets and a roster listing. I found around 400 former officers have attended the luncheons or the recent annual BBQs.

For information about meetings, call me (Erickson) at (818) 340-2430.

## Dates to Remember

### APRIL

April 8	S.A.B.L.A.	1100	
April 8	Chuck Salazar	1730	1830
April 10-11	Baker-to-Vegas Challenge Cup Relay		
April 14	Inland Blue Line	1100	
April 14	Milt Dodge & Pete Walker	0800/Golf	1600/Food
April 15	Conejo Blue Line Association	1130	
April 16	Ed Auerback	1800	1900
April 16	Larry Shelley	1700	1800
April 21	Valley Retired Blues	1100	
April 22	Trinka Porrata	1600	1730
April 22	LAPD Las Vegas Retired	1130	
April 23	Dave Martinez, Arno Moyens, Steve Fisher	1700	1900
April 29	Ron Barnes	1800	1830
April 30	Bill Stough, Norman Robinson, Dennis Abbott, Jim Flickinger, Larry Pope, Rick Giles, Rich Beardslee, Rick Lawin	1700	

### MAY

May 1-31	LAPPL Delta Dental Open Enrollment		
May 2	Steve Hostetler	1600	
May 7	John Wrich	1700	1800
May 7	Ruben Padilla	1700	1830
May 8	21st Annual LAPD Memorial Run	0800	
May 14	Lyman Doster	1800	1900
May 14	Charlie Duke	1800	1900
May 14	Beryl Bourne	1800	1900
May 15	Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament/Rancho Park	0800	

## ATTENTION ALL ACTIVE AND RETIRED LAPD

### - COME JOIN US! -

The 17th 77th Street Division Alumni Association Reunion

**Where:** San Remo Hotel, 115 E. Tropicana Blvd., Las Vegas, NV

**When:** June 7, 8, and 9, 1999

**Package:** 3 days, 2 nights, including tax; Hospitality Room (bar and snacks); 5 Raffle tickets; Banquet - Buffet Dinner

**Guest Speaker:** Chief Daryl F. Gates

**Dress:** Casual - No theme this year

**Reservations:** Contact Morris Candlish - (702) 456-2410  
George Surber - (909) 927-5353;  
Rolph Lucke - (909) 597-1653  
Cut off date for reservations: May 1, 1999

### 77th Street Division

### 17th Annual Reunion Golf Tournament

**When:** Tuesday, June 8, 1999, 7:00 a.m. Shotgun

**Where:** Wild Horse Golf Club, Las Vegas

**Cost:** \$75.00 per person

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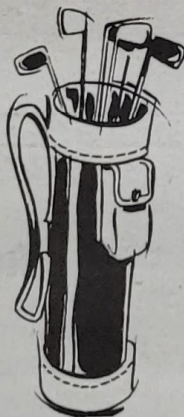
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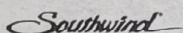


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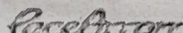
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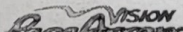
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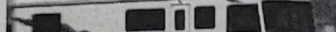
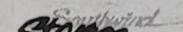
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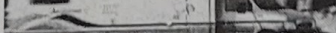
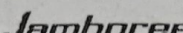
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## RETIREMENT NEWS

### Prescott Area Blue Line - 5th Annual BBQ

Saturday, June 5, 1999, 1300 Hours  
Goldwater Lake, Prescott, Arizona  
All Retired, Active and Their Guests

Our annual picnic will be held again in the beautiful pines of Goldwater Lake. Attendance last year exceeded 100 of L.A.'s finest and their guests, so make your reservations early (besides it helps us to plan on our food and beverage needs).

There are several new hotels in the area since last year, so room reservations shouldn't be a problem. If you need information or help with reservations, just contact one of the committee members.

There will be a "Folk Arts Fair," Saturday and Sunday, at the Sharlot Hall Museum, for those interested in taking home a souvenir of the "Wild West."

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by Jack Halstead  
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Twenty-five years gives you a good retirement plan, but it may take your

Deferred Compensation fund to make up the 15% difference. Members of Article 35 of our pension plan also have a reasonable retirement plan but have different requirements than those under Article 18.

Let us look at the second requirement mentioned above: age 55 at time of retirement. At age 55, you now qualify for the city's Health Subsidy in your retirement. If you retire under age 55, it costs you from \$350 to \$500 for your monthly health fees. This takes quite a bite out of your pension check.

Of course, if you are expecting to live your retirement in Beverly Hills or Palm Springs, or, you are going to buy a luxury 36-foot motor coach, maybe you should go ahead and buy stock, bonds, a good mutual fund or a Roth IRA. However, I believe that your Deferred Compensation Plan is a good or better investment than any of the other programs.

Let us prove our statements. First let us make several assumptions: one, you have 30 years of service; and, two, that you are ready to retire. Find the monthly salary of a policeman or fireman who holds the same rank you now hold. Take 80% of that amount which would approximate the amount of your monthly income from the job. Then multiply that sum by 12 to estimate your annual income. Then find out how much capital you would have to have in the bank or in investments earning approximately 6% annually. Again, we say that you have an outstanding, built-in retirement program that will provide you or your spouse with a good monthly check. Remember, this amount has a solid escalator clause that will keep this check equal to the rise in the cost of living in this area. Also remember, this is the smallest your check would be. It will always be greater as time goes by.

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## Old Blue Running Team

by Neil Parker, Retired

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Best of luck to all of the many teams and, of course, to the runners. We are ready. Probably readier than we have ever been for TAX TIME. This is the real TAX TIME, not the annual donation to Uncle Sugar. Hold on, I'll fill you in. The numbers involved in this tax caper are 7.0, 7.1, 5.9 and 5.0. Together they add up to 25, which aren't dollars but the total length in miles of four of the toughest legs you are probably ever going to run in your entire cotton-pickin' competitive running career. It's that time of the year, April 10th and 11th for the Chuck Foote-Larry Moore inspired, Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club sponsored, 15th running of the 120-mile

provision for any withholding, either. That's OK. All the runners that I know don't hold back anything. Frequently they give till it hurts. But, if you know that you are ready for the challenge of taking The Hill, then go for it and take on the toughest most taxing leg, 'cause The Hill can be beat. It isn't free, or non-taxable, and it isn't easy, but if you beat The Hill, that is one of the few refunds that you'll get in your life time that is upper-bracket, personally rewarding. As some of the Masters runners from Old Blue have said: If you've made the right investments in time, training and attitude, then take on the tough legs, 'cause we've beaten THE HILL before, we're gonna do it again, and if we can do it, you can do it too! Good luck to all the teams and especially to all the new B-V runners at their first TAX TIME.



Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay Race!! The greatest, grandest race in the world and absolutely one of the most challenging and one of the most taxing. And certainly the most fun.

The other part of this equation are the numbers 3, 8, 15, and 16. Unless this is your first crack at the B-V race, you recognize those digits as the leg numbers of the aforementioned four most challenging portions of the race. Fortunately this is a relay race and not a marathon or we'd all know what being taxed really meant. And I don't think we would have

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and loved ones of the late Randall (Randy) Gaston, Chief of Police in Anaheim, Calif. Randy, who would have been 55 this coming March 18th, was running with SWAT members when he was felled by a heart attack at noon on February 25. A long time athlete who was an accomplished horseman, motorcycle rider and marathon runner, he had passed a city mandated yearly physical in late 1998. Respected by many within and out of his department, he was known as a leader, a doer and a people person who

## LAPD Las Vegas Retired

by Mario L. Mascolo

As always, we had nice luncheon turnout with a few more first-timers attending. Our president, Bob Caples, surprised us with some unfortunate news—his wife, Lovette, our treasurer and major helper with the association, has been diagnosed to have Alzheimers. Bob and Lovette both feel it would be best, at this time, to step down from their appointed positions. We all wish Lovette the best and thank them both for the time and effort they put into our association.

Bob and Lovette will still be attending the luncheons. I will be holding down the fort until new help can be found. Any volunteers?

New members attending were: Jim Bpttrell, Frank Petrssich, John and Nancy Hunt, and Bob and Sally Gatewood.

Our next luncheon will be at the same place, Anthony's Fine Dining, 1550 E. Tropicana Ave., on April 22, 1999 at 11:30 a.m. Price is \$8 per person, which includes lunch, tax, tip and dues.

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had just recently begun a Community Service Bureau in the department. Appointed as Chief five years ago upon the death of then Chief Joseph Molloy, who had also suffered a fatal heart attack on



completing his usual daily running regimen, Randy worked his way up the ranks in a career that spanned 35 years with Anaheim. He was buried with full honors at Pacific View Memorial Park in Newport Beach, Calif. He is survived by his wife Linda, daughters Debbie Ricks and Allison, sons Aaron and Bryan, brother Brad and two grandchildren. Old Blue

attended the visitation and extended our sympathy to the family and to department members. Rest in peace, my friend.

This crystal clear photo of champion runner Chuck McTaggart shows him just about completing the mostly uphill 7.2 mile leg 6 at the first Scorpion Relay Race from Laughlin to Vegas. He would not look quite so fatigued if he hadn't just been run over by a hit and run Jag, or possibly a Cougar, that left quite a few feet of skid marks on his shirt. Jay Hernandez has just received the baton but is trying to get a description in case the "big cat" decides to back up and nail him, too. But not to worry, for as the next picture shows, Chuck's wife, lovely Linda, steps in and takes charge. Jumping into a nearby phone booth she switches into her running outfit, grabs the baton and says, "I'll show you guys how to run with the Big Cats!" And she does. All is well and she saved the day. Many thanks and a big OLD BLUE hug to a great athlete, superlady Linda McTaggart. Again, good luck to all the competition, and we'll see you at the finish line next week.

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# RETIREMENT NEWS

## The Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

Greetings from your compatriots on the beautiful California Central Coast. Well, a quarter of the year is gone and we are fast approaching the new millennium. Hey, most of us will be happy if we can make it just to see what this Y2K stuff is all about.

There have been a lot of books and articles written lately about the American generation that came out of the Depression and went on to win WWII and ultimately was responsible for our triumph in the Cold War. These individuals, now in their seventies and older can be interesting people to converse with and discover what sacrifices they underwent for our freedom. One of my tennis partners, who, at 72 years, runs me into the ground three times a week is a Marine veteran who landed with the 5th Marine Division at the base of Mt. Suribachi, on Iwo Jima in 1945. Seriously wounded in battle and rescued by courageous Navy Corpsmen, he recovered and leads a very active life today. Another friend from our church was a member of a B-29 bomber crew that flew dangerous bombing missions over Japan. One of my senior slo-pitch teammates rolled across Europe with General Patton's Third Army and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Some threads of commonality among these guys is that they remain active in pursuing their interests, maintain a healthy outlook on life, stay physically fit, and enjoy the company of others. Good advice to all of us who are retired or have it marked on the calendar.

### Focus on the Fuzz

Our Fuzz team members in the spotlight this month are **John Bradbury** and his wife, **Josanne Jackson**, who reside in Arroyo Grande. Life after LAPD can mean a lot of different things to many of us, and John, who joined the Department in December, 1969, decided to pursue

another law enforcement career after he retired in August, 1993. John had spent about 21 years of his career in patrol in about eight divisions, and his last spot was in R&I Division, assigned as a Lieutenant. John has a lot of good memories, and among the best was working the 1984 Olympics and dealing with the many special events in WLA Division, including those crazy demonstrations at the Federal Building, near UCLA. John enjoyed running and frequently participated in the Baker to Vegas affair, sweating for several divisions.

John enjoys the rank of Commander with the Grover Beach PD. Grover Beach covers 2.4 square miles and lies adjacent to Pismo Beach and Arroyo Grande. He is currently responsible for myriad of functions and indicated that he still enjoys doing good police work. John is actively involved with numerous community groups and service organizations and believes that his LAPD experience has helped him make a difference in how effective his organization functions.

Josanne was appointed to the LAPD in January, 1987, and served for seven years. After patrol duties, her last assignment was in Public Affairs Section. She is currently a reserve officer with Grover Beach PD. She is an alumnus of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and grew up in the area, so the transition to the Central Coast was a natural for her.

John and Josanne, who have been married for nineteen years, work well together refurbishing houses and have kept in excellent physical condition. John's youngest daughter, **Amy Bradbury**, is currently a PSR with LAPD. Nice to keep it in the family, John.

Catch you all next time. Remember we're in cyberspace at [FuzzthatWuzz@juno.com](mailto:FuzzthatWuzz@juno.com).

## Inland Blue Line

by Loyd Yandle, President

I cannot believe how fast time is going. Just had our 50th anniversary for time on LAPD, March 16, 1949. Fifty-seven Green kids showed up at the Police Academy to start their six weeks training. They all felt pretty special because out of hundreds of applicants, these 57 were accepted to be Los Angeles Police Officers. Six weeks later, of grueling P.T. and learning the law, we graduated. We were all sent to different assignments. Now after 50 years, there are 26 of us left. Nineteen were able to attend the planned get-together. Where else but where it all started: at the Elysian Park Police Academy. We owe it all to **Dick Briggs** who was elected as our Class President (Because he was bigger than any of us). He has kept in touch and kept us together all those years. Dick Briggs has been battling cancer and finally he had to have his larynx removed. Now he has to talk with the aid of a voice box, but he is mastering it and is a fighter. He won't give up. Dick lost his wife, Ruth, to cancer, several years ago. We all agreed we will try and make No. 75, God willing.

**Ted Snyder** could not attend. He has had three operations on his leg and hip, but I spoke to Ted last week and he is in good spirits and says he'll make the next get-together even at #75. You know I believe him. I know I'll be there. I'm still just a youngster. Several of the guys were on vacation and some were

ill, but several just didn't show. Sorry, but you missed something that can never happen again—our 50th year.

I was contacted by the California Retired Peace Officers Association. They wanted to visit our club so I told them they would have to be our guest speaker at our April luncheon. So **Alan Garcia**, State President, and **Terry Fleming**, Executive Director of the Retired Peace Officers Association, agreed to visit us in April. I don't know how good these guys are, but they come highly recommended. And besides, they have impressive business cards.

The next meeting of the Inland Blue Line will be Wednesday, April 14th, at the old stomping ground, The Anchor Restaurant, 2524 E. Florida Ave., Hemet, Calif. Social hour at 11:00 a.m., lunch is at noon, sharp. Tariff is still \$10 per person (includes tax and tip).

New officers are always welcome. Due to the large crowds that attend, reservations are encouraged. So you'll be sure and have a seat all old members will be receiving their notices through the mail and are guaranteed a reservation. So we hope to see you all there.

I only have one problem in my old age—"I have to work like a slave to live like a king." I once dreamed of the day when I'd be earning the salary I'm now starving on.

Drive careful, buckle up. It's a jungle on these freeways. I saw an old man last week who was driving only 80 miles per hour and everyone was passing him, honking and yelling "Get off my road." And some even giving him the finger. Where do we go from here?

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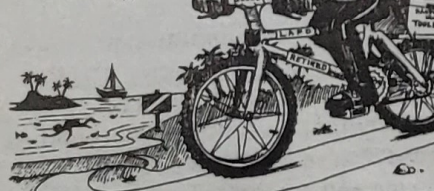
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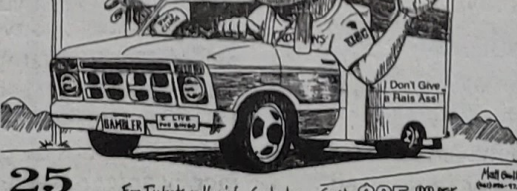
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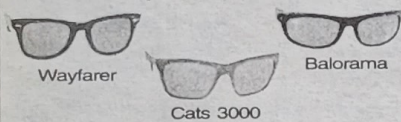
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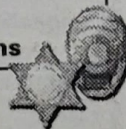
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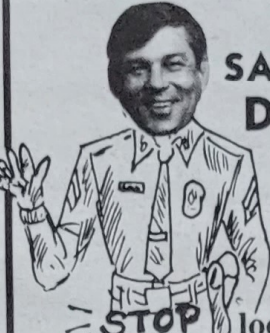
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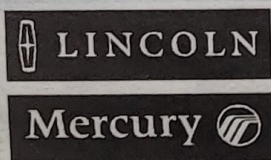
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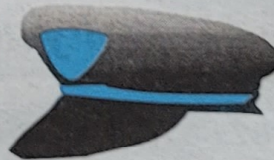
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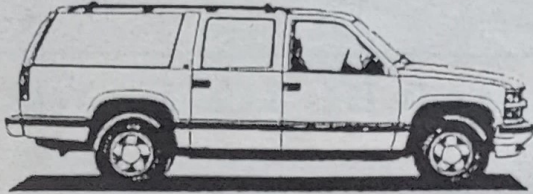
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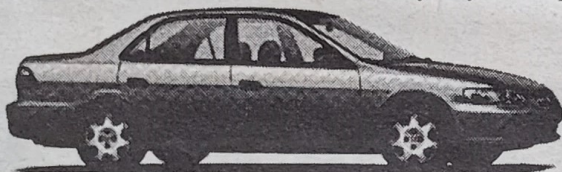
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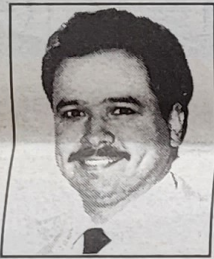


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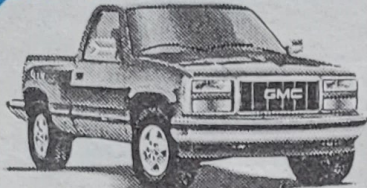


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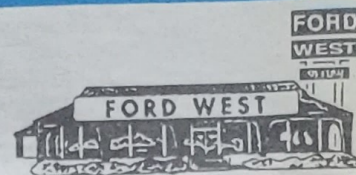
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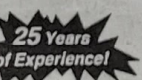
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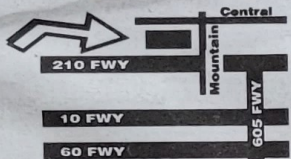


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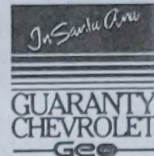
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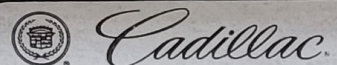
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